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# SOUTH CAROLINA



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1906

Laurens, S. C., First Presbyterian Church,

Monday, October 29, 1906, 7:30 p. m.

The Synod of South Carolina met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. A. H. McArn, from John 21:7: "It is the Lord."

At the conclusion of the preaching services, memorials of the following deceased ministers were read:

Rev. John R. Riley, D. D., by Rev. Jno. G. Law, D. D.

Rev. Thomas C. Potter, by Rev. B. P. Reid.

Rev. R. Cater Ligon, by Rev. Jno. G. Law, D. D.

Rev. Robt. Bradley, by Rev. Jas M. McDowell.

The roll was then called, and the following members were

#### PRESENT:

#### BETHEL PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.—W. M. McPheeters, W. G. Neville, J. K. Hall, Jas. Russell, W. T. Hall, W. A. Haffner, Chalmers Fraser, W. B. Arrowood, C. G. Brown (2), A. H. Atkins, W. L. Lingle, J. M. Harris, S. C. Byrd, J. J. Brown (2), I. E. Wallace, G. G. Mayes, E. E. Gillespie, J. A. McMurray (3), S. J. Cartledge, T. B. Craig, J. M. Holladay—21.

Elders.—T. M. Martin, Allison Creek Church; F. H. Love, Bethesda; G. W. Boyd, Concord; J. Q. Howe, Ebenezer; W. J. Cunningham, Lancaster; J. G. Richards, Jr., Liberty Hill; W. B. Boyd, Pleasant Grove; E. P. Moore, Purity;

R. B. Cunningham, Rock Hill First; D. R. Coleman (2), Salem; R. L. Divinney, Yorkville—11.

#### CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.—G. A. Blackburn, J. L. McLees (2), S. M. Smith, F. D. Jones, D. M. McIver, W. H. Mills, W. W.

Sadler (2), T. D. Johnson—8.

Elders.—D. S. Henderson, Aiken; Jno. Paul, Charleston First; G. A. Wauchope, Columbia First; C. W. Suber (2), Columbia Second; T. H. Leland (2), New Wappetaw; Mortimer Glover, Orangeburg; J. C. Scott, Westminster—8.

#### ENOREE PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.—T. H. Law, W. P. Jacobs, W. L. Boggs, J. F. Jacobs, W. S. Bean, Robt. Adams, B. P. Reid, A. G. Wardlaw, T. W. Sloan, F. D. Hunt, J. L. McLin, E. P. Davis, Jas. Bradley, R. T. Liston (2), J. P. Stevenson, R. E. Henderlite,

Jonas Barclay—17.

Elders.—J. P. Saxon, Bethany; W. M. McCaslan, Clinton First; D. T. Copeland (3), Duncan's Creek; J. W. Cunningham, Fairforest; D. R. Anderson (2), Fairview; Geo. D. Wilson, Friendship; H. S. Simpson, Glenn Springs; J. A. Russell, Greenville First; J. F. Mackay, Greenville Second; H. Y. Simpson, Laurens First; M. T. Simpson, Liberty Springs; E. P. Milam, Lisbon; J. H. Owings, New Harmony; W. M. Hunter, Old Fields; W. A. Hudson, Palmer; J. W. Blakely, Rocky Springs; N. F. Walker, Spartanburg First; J. E. Colton, Union First—18.

#### HARMONY PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.—Jas. McDowell, W. J. McKay, W. S. Porter, G. M. Howerton, W. J. Wyly, H. R. Murchison, J. P. Marion, Jr., H. A. Knox, T. B. Trenholm—9.

Elders.—R. C. McCutchen, Bishopville; I. H. Alexander, Camden; R. J. Mayes, Mayesville; D. J. Winn, Sumter—4.

#### PEE DEE PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.—J. G. Richards, A. H. McArn, D. M. Fulton, E. C. Bailey, J. A. Wilson, H. M. Dixon, Bunyan McLeod, T. E. Simpson, C. P. Coble, A. S. Doak (2)—10.

Elders.—J. T. Eason, Bennettsville; J. N. Drake, Blenheim; M. J. McRimmon, Carolina; T. F. Malloy, Cheraw;

J. D. McLucas, Marion; H. L. McLaurin, Red Bluff; John McSween (2), Timmonsville—7.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.—J. Lowrie Wilson, J. L. Williamson, T. P. Burgess, J. C. Shive, J. E. James, R. G. McLees, T. C. Ligon, J. G. Law, F. H. Wardlaw, F. W. Gregg, J. F. Matheson (2), A. W. White (2), M. R. Kirkpatrick, S. L. Wilson, J. G. Henderson, W. H. Frazer, R. S. Latimer, T.

D. Cartledge, A. R. Woodson-19.

Elders.—L. W. White, Abbeville; J. M. Giles, Anderson First; J. G. Evans, Fort Hill; D. F. Sadler, Good Hope; J. M. Gordon, Greenville; G. A. Barksdale, Greenwood; E. A. Mars, Hopewell; S. C. Link, Lebanon; D. H. Templeton, Liberty; R. E. Bowen, Mt. Pleasant; W. B. Stewart, Ninety-Six; J. B. Bonner, Pelzer; C. J. Boggs, Pendleton; W. P. Nesbitt, Piedmont; J. H. Little, Roberts; G. W. Buchanan, Rock; J. S. Boozer, Smyrna; A. T. McIlwain, Upper Long Cane—18.

Rev. Dr. W. T. Hall was elected Moderator, and Rev. T.

P. Burgess, Assistant Clerk.

The memorials of deceased ministers read this evening were adopted by Synod and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The following were adopted as the hours of the daily sessions of Synod:

From 9:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.

From 3 p. m. to 5:30 p. m.

From 7:30 p. m. to adjournment at will.

But tomorrow it was resolved that the morning session begin at 10 a.m., that the Permanent Committees may have opportunity to meet.

Rev. Dr. W. G. Neville, President of the Presbyterian College at Clinton, presented a cordial invitation to the members of Synod to visit that institution tomorrow afternoon, special arrangements having been made with the railroad authorities to carry down and bring back the visitors. Rev. Dr. W. P. Jacobs, President, also invited the members of Synod to visit the Thornwell Orphanage while at Clinton.

These invitations were heartily accepted, and it was ordered that no session of Synod be held tomorrow afternoon.

It was made the order for tomorrow evening to hold a popular meeting in the interests of Synodical Home Missions.

Synod then adjourned with prayer until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

#### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Tuesday, October 30, 10 a.m.

The Synod was opened with devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator.

The minutes of last evening's session were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the following

#### STANDING COMMITTEES:

I. Devotional Exercises.—Minister: Robt. Adams. Elder:H. Y. Simpson.

2. Bills and Overtures.—Ministers: A. H. McArn, B. P. Reid, Jas. McDowell. Elders: R. B. Cunningham, J. H. Owings.

3. Judicial Business.—Ministers: W. J. McKay, W. L. Lingle, G. A. Blackburn. Elders: W. M. McCaslan, L. W.

4. Home Missions.—Ministers: E. E. Gillespie, H. R. Murchison, T. W. Sloan. Elders: C. W. Suber, R. E. Bowen.

5. Narrative.—Ministers: S. J. Cartledge, W. H. Frazer, F. D. Hunt. Elders: H. L. McLaurin, J. E. Colton.

6. Theological Seminary.—Ministers: E. P. Davis, M. R. Kirkpatrick, D. M. Fulton. Elders: D. J. Winn, Mortimer Glover.

7. Finance.—Elders: John Paul, J. M. Giles, H. S. Simpson.

8. Minutes of Assembly.—Ministers: S. M. Smith, W. M. McPheeters, W. G. Neville. Elders: J. G. Richards, Jr., Jno. A. Russell.

9. Leave of Absence.—Ministers: F. W. Gregg, D. M. Mc-Iver, J. L. McLin. Elders: R. C. McCutchen, T. F. Malloy. 10. Presbyterial Records—

Bethel—Rev. F. D. Jones and Elder N. F. Walker.

Charleston—W. A. Haffner and Elder M. T. Simpson.

Enoree—W. H. Mills and Elder G. A. Wauchope.

Harmony—T. D. Cartledge and Elder W. J. Cunningham.

Pee Dee—J. P. Marion, Jr., and Elder I. H. Alexander.

South Carolina—J. A. Wilson and Elder J. D. Mc-Lucas.

The several Presbyteries presented their Narratives and Statistical Reports, the former going to the Committee on the Narrative, and the latter to be found in the Appendix.

An overture from Charleston Presbytery touching the year covered by the Narrative was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The report of the Executive Committee on Home Missions was presented by the chairman, Rev. F. H. Wardlaw, and referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missiens.

The following adidtional members appeared and were enrolled: Rev. R. T. Liston and Rev. J. F. Matheson.

Rev. Dr. S. L. Morris, Synod of Georgia, was introduced and welcomed as a corresponding member, and Rev. M. W. Hook, of the South Carolina Conference, M. E. Church, South, as a visiting brother.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions was presented by the chairman, Rev. Dr. Robt. Adams, and the report was approved and its recommendations adopted. (See Appendix.)

The following partial report of the Premanent Committee on Publication and Sabbath School Work was adopted:

The committee would recommend—

First, That it be made a special order to hear the report of the Permanent Committee of Publication and Sabbath School Work at 4 o'clock p. m. Wednesday.

Second, That, in connection with which we hear an ad-

dress from Rev. M. B. Porter, Assembly's Sabbath School superintendent of District No. 1, and others.

#### HUGH R. MURCHISON,

Chairman.

The report of the Permanent Committee on the Bible Cause was presented by the chairman, Rev. T. H. Law, and the report was approved and the recommendations adopted. (Appendix.)

The report of the Permanent Committee on Church and Christian Education was read by the chairman, Rev. Dr. W. L. Lingle. The consideration of this report was made the first order for tomorrow.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported recommending the following special orders, which were appointed:

The Committee on Devotional Exercises recommends—

First, That Dr. S. L. Morris, Secretary Home Missions, be invited to address the Synod at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Second, That Dr. W. M. McPheeters be appointed to

preach at 11:30 Wednesday morning.

Third, That Dr. J. G. Snedecor, Secretary Colored Evangelization, be invited to address the Synod after the address of Dr. Wilson on Wednesday evening.

The Committee on the Twentieth Century Educational Fund, Rev. Dr. Neville, Chairman, made a report, which was approved, as follows:

During the last Synodical year we have received the fol-

lowing amounts:		
For the general cause\$	508	37
For the Theological Seminary	168	00
For the Presbyterian College of South Carolina	436	00
For Davidson College	: 2	00
For Thornwell Orphanage	26	00
For Ferguson-Williams College	127	94

Total		 	 	\$1,268	31
	disbursed			·	

To Theological Seminary ..... \$250 00

To Presbyterian College of South Carolina 1,515	92					
To Ferguson-Williams College 100	00					
To Thornwell Orphanage	00					
To Chicora College	50					
To Church help	00					
	00					
	14					
Total	56					
We had on hand at the last Synod \$2,184.						
We have on hand at this Synod \$1,436.75.						
Respectfully submitted,						

W. G. NEVILLE,

Chairman.

The reports of the Permanent Committee on Ministerial Education and Relief, and Colored Evangelization were, for special reasons, postponed until a later hour.

The Treasurer of Synod presented his report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Synod then had recess until 7:30 p. m.

#### EVENING SESSION.

7:30 p. m.

The Synod resumed business.

The following additional members appeared and were enrolled:

Ministers.—J. L. McLees, C. G. Brown, W. W. Sadler, A. S. Doak, A. W. White.

Elders.—From Bethel Presbytery, D. R. Coleman, Salem Church; from Charleston Presbytery, C. W. Suber, Columbia Second; T. H. Leland, New Wappelaw; from Enoree Presbytery, D. R. Anderson, Fairview, and J. F. Mackay, Second, Greenville; from Pee Dee Presbytery, John Mc-Sween, Timmonsville; from South Carolina Presbytery, C. J. Boggs, Pendleton Church.

The Standing Committee on Home Missions reported in part, recommending that the Rev. F. H. Wardlaw, Superintendent, preside and conduct the Conference on Synodical Missions this evening. The report was adopted, and the conference held, Synod being addressed by Rev. Messrs. R. G. McLees, W. H. Mills, A. S. Doak, J. P. Stevenson, A. R. Woodson, W. J. Wyly, and F. H. Wardlaw. A collection was raised for the new church building at Georgetown, this young and struggling organization having recently lost its house of worship through a storm.

The conference was closed, and the Moderator resumed the chair.

It was resolved that the churches of Synod be requested to take up collections for the Georgetown church building between this time and the 1st of January and forward the same to the Rev. F. H. Wardlaw, Treasurer Home Missions.

Rev. Dr. Neville, Secretary, presented the report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, which was duly referred.

Synod then adjourned, with prayer, until 9:30 a.m. to-morrow.

#### THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Wednesday, Oct. 31, 9:30 a.m.

The Synod was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Jas. Bradley. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. J. A. McMurray and Hon. D. T. Copeland, Duncan's Creek Church, Enoree Presbytery, appeared and were enrolled.

It was made the order for 3:30 this afternoon to select the place and time of the next meeting.

The first order of the day was taken up, and Synod considered the report of the Permanent Committee on Church and Christian Education. Pending the consideration of this matter, the hour of 11 arrived, and this business was suspended.

Rev. Dr. S. L. Morris, Secretary, was heard concerning

the Assembly's Home Missions. This address was referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions.

Rev. Dr. W. M. McPheeters, according to appointment of Synod, preached, using Proverbs 17:6 as a text, which he applied to Columbia Theological Seminary.

Synod after this service receded from business until 3:30 p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

3:30 p. m.

Synod met.

The Committees on the Records of South Carolina, Charleston, Pee Dee, Harmony, Bethel and Enoree Presbyteries reported, recommending their approval. Adopted.

The Committee on Finance presented a report, which was amended and adopted as follows:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the Treasurer's statement showing all assessments fully paid, with disbursements properly vouched, showing balance due the treasurer of \$15.49. Your committee would recommend that the assessments be the same as last year.

#### TOWNSEND FUND.

Payments properly vouched, balance in hand of Treasurer, according to his statement—\$170.53.

In the event of there being no specific cause to which this fund is pledged, your committee would suggest that for the present year the income be devoted to the use of students in the Presbyterian College at Clinton requiring aid, who may be candidates for the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. PAUL, JAS. M. GILES, Of Committee.

Anderson First Church was selected as the place of the next meeting, and Tuesday, October 29, 8 p. m. as the time.

The following was adopted:

Whereas, the churches of Spartanburg, Greenwood, Dar-

lington and Union First also extended cordial invitations to this body to be their guests a year hence,

Resolved, That Synod return its hearty thanks to all these churches, and that the expression of our appreciation, together with our regrets that we shall be denied the pleasure of accepting at that time, be conveyed to them through the brethren who have brought these invitations.

Rev. Messrs. H. H. Sweets and M. B. Porter, Synod of Kentucky, were welcomed as corresponding members.

The special order for 4 o'clock was taken up, and the Synod heard the report of the Permanent Committee on Publication and Sabbath School Work. The Rev. M. B. Porter, Assembly's District Superintendent of Sabbath Schools, District No. 1, was also heard.

The report was approved. (Appendix.)

The report of the Board of Visitors of Thornwell Orphanage was presented and approved. (Appendix.)

Rev. H. A. Knox was appointed a member of the Board of Visitors.

Synod, after prayer, took recess till 7:30.

## Evening Session.

7:30 p. m.

Synod engaged in a conference on Foreign Missions. After devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator, Rev. Dr. J. Lowrie Wilson, addressed Synod on this subject.

The Permanent Committee on Colored Evangelization presented, through Rev. Dr. S. C. Byrd, chairman, its report, which was approved. (Appendix.)

Rev. Dr. J. G. Snedecor, Secretary Colored Evangelization, addressed Synod on this work.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported, recommending that Rev. H. H. Sweets, Secretary of Ministerial Education and Relief, be heard tomorrow at 11 a. m., to be followed by President H. L. Smith, of Davidson College. And that Rev. Dr. S. M. Smith preach in this house at 7:30 tomorrow evening.

It was also provided that the report of the Permanent Committee on Ministerial Education and Relief be heard just before Secretary Sweet's address.

Rev. Dr. J. G. Snedecor, Synod of Alabama, was welcomed as a corresponding member, and Rev. J. D. Pitts, of the Baptist Church, as a visiting brother.

The Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary presented its report, which was docketed.

It was made the first order for tomorrow to resume the consideration of the report on Church and Christian Education.

The Synod adjourned till 9 a. m. tomorrow. Prayer by Elder John McSween.

#### FOURTH DAY—Morning Session.

Thursday, 9 a. m.

Synod was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. H. Mills.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Standing Committee on Home Missions presented its report, which was adopted, as follows:

Your committee, to which was referred the report of the Executive Committee of Synodical Home Missions, would respectfully submit the following report:

We note with gratitude to God the encouraging progress made in the work during the past year, and its present prom-

ising condition.

Three churches have been organized, a chapel is being built at Rosemary. Eighty churches were visited by the Superintendent and General Evangelist, in twenty-six of which evangelistic services were held.

In the work supported in part or in full by the committee there have been 450 communicants added to our churches on profession of faith. The sum of \$4,411.00 has been contributed to the work during the year, an increase of \$189.73 over the amount given last year.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. With profound gratitude to God for the blessing attending the cause of Synodical Home Missions during the last year, we would commend the diligence of the Executive Committee in prosecuting the work intrusted to them, and would renew our determination to sustain the work already inaugurated, and to enlarge it as the liberality of the Church may justify.

2. That the endorsement of the "Synod's Home Missionary" be renewed, and that all our pastors and evangelists be urged to secure its circulation in the homes of their peo-

ple.

3. That the Revs. F. H. Wardlaw and R. G. McLees be reelected as Superintendent and General Evangelist, respectively, at a salary of \$1,000 each and traveling expenses.

- 4. That we raise for the sustentation and enlargement of Synodical Home Missions during the coming year the sum of \$7,000.
- 5. That the following Executive Committee be appointed for the ensuing year:

Bethel—G. G. Mayes, G. H. O'Leary.

Charleston—Frank D. Jones, J. C. Scott. Enoree—Jonas Barclay, R. A. Austin.

Harmony—W. J. McKay, H. J. McLaurin.

Pee Dee—D. M. Fulton, John McSween.

South Carolina—M. R. Kirkpatrick, S. C. Hodges.
5. That the Executive Committee of Synodical Home Missions be allowed to appropriate, if necessary, the sum of

\$1,000 to the support of the Fort Hill Church.

7. That the Treasurer submit to the Standing Committee on Home Missions his accounts, with vouchers, to be audited by said committee.

Touching the address of Dr. Morris, the committee recom-

mends the following:

The Synod has heard with pleasure and profit the able and encouraging address of Dr. S. L. Morris in the interest of the Assembly's Home Missions, and would commend most heartily this important cause to the liberal support of all our churches.

E. E. GILLESPIE,

Chairman.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod has heard with pleasure the address of Rev. M. B. Porter, the District Sabbath School Superintendent, and most cordially commends him to our pastors and churches in the great work for Sabbath Schools.

HUGH R. MURCHISON, Chairman.

The following was adopted:

That a committee of five, including the Stated Clerk and the pastor of the church where Synod meets, be appointed to prepare a programme for the next Synod. The Moderator appointed Rev. Drs. Neville, Adams and Lingle to serve on this committee.

The Committee on Judicial Business reported that nothing had come into its hands.

The committee presented and Synod adopted the following

#### NARRATIVE:

From the narratives of the six Presbyteries we glean the following facts:

The attendance upon the services of the sanctuary is uniformly good.

The Sabbath, with few exceptions, is well observed. There is some improvement in the efficiency of our Sunday Schools in the training of our young people in the Scriptures and Catechisms of the Church.

With growing liberality our people are giving to the support of the gospel at home and abroad, and pastors' salaries, with almost no exception, are fully and promptly paid.

Worldly conformity does not prevail to any great extent. A good many churches report special seasons of refreshing, during which the graces of God's children have been revived, and many precious souls born into the kingdom.

For all this let us lift up our hearts in profound gratitude

to the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

But this is only one side of the picture: With not a single exception, the Presbyterial narratives report the gradual decline of family religion; in a large majority of homes no

family altar, and no training of the children in the Scriptures and the standards of our Church.

Along with this, we call attention to the additional fact that many of our churches are vacant, and many more are supplied only once a month. Do not these two facts sustain to each other the relation of cause and effect? If there could be a revival of religion in the home, we confidently believe that the great Head of the Church would call forth from these homes an ever-increasing number of faithful ministers to supply our destitutions at home, and to lift aloft the light of truth in the nations that sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

S. J. CARTLEDGE, W. H. FRAZER. F. D. HUNT.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented and Synod adopted the following report:

We report that but one overture has been placed in our

hands, as follows:

The Presbytery of Charleston respectfully overtures the Synod of South Carolina to take order that the narratives on the state of religion sent up by the Presbyteries be for the General Assembly's ecclesiastical year (from March 31 to April 1 of each year), thus avoiding the confusion resulting from having two ecclesiastical years and securing greater uniformity in these reports.

Attest:

ALEXANDER SPRUNT,

Stated Clerk.

Done in Presbytery October 10th, 1906.

We recommend that the Synod decline to accede to this request.

A. H. McARN,

Chairman.

The unfinished business of yesterday—the report on Church and Christian Education—was again taken up, and the report was approved and its recommendations adopted. (Appendix.)

Rev. W. L. Lingle was appointed chairman of the Executive Committee on Schools and Colleges for the next year.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Assembly made a report, which was adopted, as follows:

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly reports as follows:

I. The Assembly declared "enacted" the changes proposed in the two overtures submitted by the preceding Assembly. (See Minutes pp. 52, 53.)

II. In the matter of Church and Christian Education the Assembly constituted an Assembly's Committee and elected a Secretary, and designated a Sabbath (viz., the third Sabbath in March) for a special collection for this work as one of the "Assembly Causes."

III. Among other matters by the Assembly deemed worthy of special emphasis we note:

- 1. Congregational Society for Church work. (Minutes, pp. 23, 85.)
  - 2. Family Worship. (p. 30.)
  - 3. Home Missions. (p. 34.)
  - 4. The Bible Cause. (p. 36.)
  - 5. Woman's Societies. (p. 37.)
  - 6. The Relief Fund. (p. 41.)

IV. The Special Days of Prayer (p. 224), particularly the second Sabbath in November, set apart for "Special Prayer for Youth and a Call to the Ministry."

V. The Synod respectfully regrets the action of the General Assembly wherein it interpreted the vote of certain of its members contrary to the declared intent of the voters themselves and in the face of their earnest and formal protest. (Minutes, p. 47 (4).

SAMUEL M. SMITH, Chairman.

The Permanent Committee on Ministerial Education and Relief presented its report. Pending the consideration of the report Secretary Sweets was heard. The report was approved and its recommendations adopted. (Appendix.)

Anent this matter the following report was received:

The Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Indigent and Superannuated Ministers and their families would respectfully report to the Synod of South Carolina that the available assets of said society amount to \$7,111.84.

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. WHITE, Treasurer.

Abbeville, S. C., October 29, 1906.

Dr. H. L. Smith, President of Davidson College, was heard concerning that institution.

The Stated Clerk was excused from further attendance upon this session of Synod, because of pressing engagements. Synod took recess until 3 p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

3 p. m.

Synod convened.

In the absence of the Stated Clerk Rev. S. C. Byrd was appointed to act in his stead.

The Committee on Leave of Absence made the following

report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Leave of Absence would respectfully

report as follows:

We have excused from attendance on this meeting of Synod the Rev. Robt. H. Nall, D. D., Rev. F. A. Drennan, and Rev. Alexander Sprunt, D. D., Rev. J. J. Harrell.

We have excused for arriving late at the session Rev. A. Walker White, Rev. C. G. Brown, Rev. J. A. McMurray, Elder D. R. Coleman.

Excused from attendance after Tuesday morning's session Elder J. E. Colton.

After morning session Wednesday—Ministers: W. L. Boggs, R. G. McLees, T. C. Ligon, F. D. Jones, J. L. McLees, T. B. Craig, R. T. Liston, C. P. Coble. Elders: S. C. Link, J. D. McLucas, J. W. Blakely, J. N. Gordon, D. S. Henderson, W. M. McCaslan.

After Wednesday evening's session, Rev. A. R. Wood-

son, Elder J. W. Cunningham.

After Thursday morning's session—Ministers: H. A. Knox, W. H. Frazer, B. P. Reid, J. E. James, B. McLeod, T. D. Johnston. Elders: J. Q. Howe, G. H. Boyd, G. A.

Wauchope, A. T. McElwain, W. B. Stewart, J. M. Giles, W. B. Boyd, R. J. Mayes, N. F. Walker, W. A. Templeton. We recommend your approval of action.

F. W. GREGG, Chairman.

The following resolution was presented and docket for consideration at the next meeting of the Synod:

Resolved, That Synod elect a Permanent Clerk.

The following resolution was presented and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be expressed to Dr. J. Lowrie Wilson for his impressive address on Foreign Missions.

A resolution of thanks was adopted as follows:

Resolved, That the Synod by a rising vote express its grateful appreciation of the kindness shown us by the railroads over which we came to Laurens, and especially of the cordial reception extended to the members of this body and its visiting brethren by the Christian churches of the city and their friends, and of the bountiful hospitality that we have enjoyed in their delightful homes. And also of the excursion and reception given to the Synod by the Faculty of the Presbyterian College of South Carolina.

President Neville presented the report of the Trustees of the Presbyterian College of South Carolina. The report was received as gratifying information. (Appendix.)

It was resolved that Presidents Neville and Byrd be given an opportunity to address the Synod at this time on the Presbyterian College of South Carolina and Chicora College, respectively, and that Dr. H. L. Smith be invited to deliver an address this evening after the preaching service.

Drs. Neville and Byrd were heard concerning the institutions over which they respectively preside.

The report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary was taken from the docket and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Your committee wish to report to Synod that the minutes of the Board of Directors of Columbia Theological Semi-

nary, which are neatly kept, and their annual report to this body, have been placed in our hands, and that after carefully studying them, we submit the following items for your consideration and action:

God has graciously given this historic institution many evidences of His presence and favor during the past year. The members of the faculty have been faithful to the trusts committed to them, and the student body has been punctual in attendance, diligent in application, and praiseworthy in conduct. The separate reports of the faculty to the board at its last meeting were encouraging. Sixteen students were in attendance, two in the Senior Class, two in the Middle, and seven in the Junior. In addition to these there were five special students, all of whom were of good average capacity. Small seminaries have their decided advantages, as in them better individual work can be done and personal influence exerted. Providence has determined the location of this institution at Columbia, as every effort to remove it has failed; and the healthful climate of the city, the excellent curriculum of this school of the prophets, the valuable library, competent instructors, material improvements, and precious history should quicken our zeal in its behalf and increase our personal efforts and prayers for its future suc-Its finances are in good condition. Its total assets, amounting to \$263,903.76, are well secured, and its annual income is approximately 14,500. After meeting all its expenses it had last year a balance of 1,400 in the treasury. One of the needs of our Seminary is a Chair of English Bible, Sacred Rhetoric and Pastoral Theology, and the Board of Directors has instructed the Executive Committee to recommend a suitable man for that office.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the Synod tender a vote of thanks to the ladies of the different churches that have so kindly furnished a number of rooms for the students of the Seminary.

2. That the Synod urge its constituent Presbyteries to encourage the candidates under their care to prosecute their studies at our own Seminary at Columbia, and thus contribute to its enlarged usefulness in this critical period of its history.

- 3. That Rev. J. G. Richards and Rev. W. G. Neville, D. D., whose terms as members of the Board of Directors expire at this meeting of Synod, be reelected for three years.
- 4. That the following changes in the Plan of Government of the Seminary, as recommended by the Board, be adopted, to wit:

Resolved, (a) That the controlling Synods be memorialized to amend Article I of Section 3 of the Plan of Government, by adding to the said article the following, viz: "That the Board of Directors shall elect one member of the faculty as President of the Seminary, who, in addition to his duties as professor, shall also exercise a supervisory jurisdiction over the management of the Seminary, and shall be especially charged with the duty of presenting the claims and interest of the Seminary to the churches of the controlling Synods, so that the section, when so amended, shall read as follows:

"Article I. The professorships in this Seminary shall be those of Old Testament Literature and Exegesis of Scripture; New Testament Literature and Exegesis of Scripture; Didactic and Polemic Theology; Church Government and History; Pastoral Theology and Sacred Rhetoric; and Natural Science, in connection with Revelation and Christian Apologetics, and such others as the Synod may, from time to time, establish. There may be also a tutor of the Hebrew language, to be appointed by the faculty, and his salary be fixed by the board. That the Board of Directors shall elect one member of the faculty as president of the Seminary, who, in addition to his duties as professor, shall also exercise a supervisory jurisdiction over the management of the Seminary, and shall be especially charged with the duty of presenting the claims and interests of the Seminary to the churches of the controlling Synods."

(b) Resolved further, That Article X of Section 3 be stricken out, and insert in lieu thereof the following, viz:

"The president and other professors shall constitute the faculty, who shall meet at least monthly, on a given day, and at all meetings of the faculty the president, and in his

absence the senior professor, shall preside, and all questions before them shall be decided by a majority vote."

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD PAYSON DAVIS, Chairman.

The following protest was presented and admitted to record:

The undersigned respectfully protest against the action of the Synod of South Carolina in adopting that portion of the report of its Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly as follows:

The Synod records its respectful regrets at the action of the Assembly wherein it interpreted the vote of certain of its members contrary to the declared intent of the voters themselves and in the face of their published protest.

We enter this protest on the following grounds:

1. That the General Assembly, the Superior Court, had already received the protest referred to by the Synod's committee, and entered it upon its minutes, thus affording them all the relief provided for in the Book of Church Order.

2. That the General Assembly, the Superior Court, having already closed the case, and expressed its judgment, the Synod of South Carolina, the Inferior Court, which was not a party to the original cause, was not competent as a court to express an opinion upon any judgment of that said Superior Court in that case, without the facts in the case before us.

WM. H. MILLS, ROBERT ADAMS, W. S. PORTER, S. L. WILSON, J. L. WILLIAMSON, W. S. BEAN.

The Synod had recess until 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

7:30 p. m.

Synod met and engaged in devotional evercises, after which a sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. S. M. Smith.

This was followed by an address on Christian Education by Dr. H. L. Smith.

The minutes of today's session were read and approved. Synod then adjourned with singing, prayer, and the Apostolic benediction, to nacet in the First Presbyterian Church, Anderson, Tuesday, October 29th, 8 p. m.

W. T. HALL, Moderator.

THOS. H. LAW, Stated Clerk. T. P. Burgess, Assistant Clerk.

## APPENDIX

## Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries.

Bethel Presbytery respectfully reports that it is composed of 33 ministers and 58 churches, and has under its care one licentiate and seven candidates for the gospel ministry.

Since the last meeting of Synod it has received Jno. A. McMurray from the Presbytery of Mecklenburg and installed him pastor of Woodlawn Church; it has received S. J. Cartledge from the Presbytery of South Carolina and installed him pastor of Purity Church, Chester; it has received D. J. Brimm from Charleston Presbytery, T. B. Craig from Enoree Presbytery, and J. M. Holladay from Harmony Presbytery.

It has dissolved the pastoral relation existing between J. H. Wilson and Fishing Creek and Richburg Churches, and the pastoral relation existing between S. C. Ryrd and Sion Church, Winnsboro.

It has installed J. J. Brown pastor of Richburg Church.

It has licensed J. K. Coit to preach the gospel.

It has taken under its care as candidates for the gospel ministry W. W. Arrowood, Jno. R. Hay, and W. Luther Latham.

W. G. NEVILLE,

Stated Clerk.

Charleston Presbytery would respectfully report to the Synod that it consists of 16 ministers and 32 churches, and has under its care two licentiates and four candidates for the gospel ministry.

It has licensed Mr. Donald W. Richardson to preach the gospel as a probationer.

It has received Rev. T. D. Johnson from Wilmington Presbytery and installed him as pastor of the Summerville Church. It has received Messrs. Ennis Graham and A. C. Bridgman as candidates for the ministry.

It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. T. B. Trenholm and Edisto Island Church; the pastoral relation between Rev. S. C. Caldwell and Walterboro, Corinth and Stoney Creek Churches; and the pastoral relation between Rev. H. M. Parker and James Island and John's Island and Wadmalaw Churches.

It has dismissed Rev. D. J. Brimm to Bethel Presbytery; Rev. Frank Willcock to Boston Presbytery, U. S. A.; Rev. H. M. Parker to Mecklenburg Presbytery; Rev. T. B. Trenholm to Harmony Presbytery, and Rev. Wm. H. Mills to South Carolina Presbytery.

ALEXANDER SPRUNT, Stated Clerk.

Enoree Presbytery reports to Synod that it consists of 32 ministers and 58 churches, and has under its care three licentiates and five unlicensed candidates for the ministry.

It has received from the Presbytery of North Alabama Rev. R. T. Liston, Rev. R. E. Henderlite, and Rev. J. P. Stevenson; and from the Presbytery of Baltimore, Presbyterian Church in U. S. A., Rev. Jonas Barclay.

It has dismissed to Tuscaloosa Presbytery Rev. W. H. White; to Memphis Presbytery, Rev. W. R. Potter; to

Bethel Presbytery, Rev. T. B. Craig.

It has established the following pastoral relations: Between Rev. R. T. Liston and Limestone Church; between Rev. R. E. Henderlite and Fairview Church; between Rev. B. P. Reid and Old Fields Church; and between Rev. Jonas Barclay and Mt. Tabor (G) Church.

It has dissolved the pastoral relations existing between Rev. W. H. White and Lockhart, Mt. Tabor (U) and Cane Creek Churches; between Rev. T. B. Craig and Fountain Inn Church; and between Rev. W. R. Potter and Mt. Tabor (G) Church.

It has organized the Third Church of Spartanburg, and has consolidated the churches of Jonesville, Fairforest and Grindal Shoals, the name Fairforest being retained, and the

church located at Jonesville.

It has licensed Wm. Harper Boyd as a probationer for the gospel ministry.

The Rev. T. C. Potter has departed this life.

ROBERT ADAMS, Stated Clerk.

Harmony Presbytery respectfully reports to the Synod of South Carolina that it consists of 17 ministers and 33 churches, and it has under its care three candidates for the ministry.

It has received Rev. E. E. Ervin from the Presbytery of Florida; Rev. J. P. Marion, Jr., from the Presbytery of Roanoke; Rev. T. B. Trenholm from the Presbytery of Charleston; Licentiate H. A. Knox from the Presbytery of Concord.

It has examined and ordained Licentiate H. A. Knox to the full work of the gospel ministry.

It has dissolved the pastoral relations between Rev. V. R. Gaston and the Mt. Zion Church, and between Rev. J. M.

Holladay and the Manning Church.

It has constituted the following pastoral relationships: Between Rev. James McDowell and the Bethel and Midway Churches; between Rev. J. P. Marion, Jr., and the Sumter Church; between Rev. H. A. Knox and the Mayesville Church. It has made arrangements to install Rev. T. B. Trenholm pastor of Beulah and Lake City Churches, and granted permission for him to supply Lynchburg Church.

It has dismissed Rev. F. C. Barth to the Presbytery of Kanawha, and Rev. V. R. Gaston to the Presbytery of Roanoke, and Rev. J. M. Holladay to the Presbytery of Bethel.

It has lost Rev. Robert Bradley by death.

W. S. PORTER, Stated Clerk.

Pee Dee Presbytery respectfully reports to the Synod of South Carolina that it consists of 14 ministers and 30 churches, and has under its care two candidates for the ministry.

It has received Rev. A. S. Doak from the Presbytery of

Columbia and installed him pastor of the churches of Kingston, Waccamaw, and Bayboro.

It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. T. H. Wilson and the Kentyre and Pee Dee Churches.

It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. T. H. Newkirk and the churches of Marion and Dunbarton, and has dismissed Mr. Newkirk to the Presbytery of Atlanta.

It has organized a church at Effingham.

It has dismissed Candidate W. H. DuBose to the Presbyterv of Rio Grande.

It has received under its care as a candidate for the ministry Mr. H. C. Carmichael.

A. H. McARN,
Stated Clerk.

South Carolina Presbytery respectfully reports to the Synod that it consists of 30 ministers and 65 churches, and has under its care one licentiate and four candidates for the ministry.

It has received Rev. R. S. Latimer from the Presbytery of Tuscaloosa, Rev. T. D. Cartledge from the Presbytery of Athens, Rev. A. R. Woodson from the Presbytery of Peoria, U. S. A., and Rev. W. H. Fraser from the Presbytery of Macon.

It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. S. L. Wilson and the Hodges Church; between Rev. S. J. Cartledge and the First Church of Anderson; and between Rev. L. W. Brown and the Lebanon, Bethia, and Little Mountain Churches.

It has constituted the pastoral relation between Rev. R. S. Latimer and the Smyrna Church; between Rev. T. D. Cartledge and the Greenville, Donalds, and Hodges Churches; between Rev. C. L. Stewart and the Honea Path, Broadway, and Williamston Churches; and between Rev. L. W. Brown and the Walhalla and Richland Churches.

It has dismissed Rev. S. J. Cartledge to Bethel Presbytery.

It has dropped the name of W. H. Thompson from its roll of candidates.

It has taken under its care Mr. W. C. Winn as a candidate for the gospel ministry.

It has lost by death Rev. R. C. Ligon.

S. L. WILSON, Stated Clerk.

### II. Treasurer's Report.

Thos. H. Law, Treasurer, in Account With the Synod of South Carolina.

I. CONTINGENT FUND.		
Dr.	C	r.
To assessment Bethel Presbytery \$ 59 00		
To assessment Charleston Presbytery 42 00		
To assessment Enoree Presbytery 53 00		
To assessment Harmony Presbytery 32_00		
To assessment Pee Dee Presbytery 21 00		
To assessment South Carolina Presbytery 53 00		
To balance due Treasurer		
By balance due Treasurer last report	\$12	77
By printing and distributing Minutes 1905	150	22
By statistical tables 1906	12	50
By salary Stated Clerk and Treasurer	100	00
\$275 49	\$275	49
II. TOWNSEND FUND.		
To balance in hand last report \$105 90		
To interest from investments 164 63		
By paid Rev. Dr. McPheeters, Chairman,		
for students	\$100	00
By balance in hand	170	53
\$270 53	\$270	53
Respectfully submitted	, ,	

\$270 53 \$270 53 Respectfully submitted, THOS. H. LAW,

Treasurer.

## III. Report of the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions respectfully presents the following report:

We would acknowledge with profound thankfulness God's rich blessing upon the work of Foreign Missions during the past year. After examining the reports from our nine mission fields, with their forty-four stations, occupied by two hundred and seven missionaries, we have every reason to believe that God is richly blessing the self-sacrificing labors of these devoted servants of the Lord to the conversion of the heathen. All the field have shared in the additions to the Church, in which we rejoice; but the news from Korea and Africa is especially encouraging. It is thrilling to read that in these places there are great numbers, yea, even multitudes, turning to the Lord Jesus. In Africa alone, as reported last March, there were during the year 1,102 additions, with 1,500 catechumens.

There is a note of sadness that comes up from many of the fields for reinforcements, to maintain the work so full of promise, and to enter fields "already white unto the harvest," only to be answered, in substance, that God's Church has not furnished either laborers or means adequate for the demand. The various fields are calling for thirty-five additional workers. If the Church could see the necessity of men and means from the point of view from which the missionary on the field sees it, surely there would be a more hearty response to these urgent appeals.

During part of the year the Executive Committee has been much embarrassed, and the work to some extent has been crippled by a lack of funds with which to prosecute it. This has not been due to lessened receipts, but to unusual and extraordinary expenses that have occurred in the ordering of Providence. The principal item of this extraordinary expenditure was the replacing of the Ibanj station in Africa, destroyed by the Bacuba revolt two years ago, costing about \$10,000. Large amounts have necessarily been needed to equip and send out new missionaries.

Notwithstanding these financial embarrassments, reports show the largest additions of any previous year. We heartily approve of the policy of the committee, which is to carry on an advancing and enlarging work.

Fifteen new missionaries are under appointment, some have already gone, others expect to go this fall, if the Oc-

tober collection will warrant the committee in sending them. The salaries for all these new missionaries have been provided for, but money is urgently needed for outfit and traveling expenses. The total receipts up to April 1st, including legacies and individual gifts, amounted to \$259,617—the largest in the history of the Church. This was an increase of \$30,000 over the previous year. Of this amount our Synod contributed \$20,909.43. This is a gain over the year before of \$1,698.43.

Gifts by Presbyteries, including churches, Sunday schools and societies, as follows:

Bethel	62
.Charleston	01
Enoree	61
Harmony	
Pee Dee	
South Carolina 3,501	
From miscellaneous sources 2.867	

Rev. G. W. Painter reports to your chairman that he spent 94 days delivering 64 lectures in Synod's bounds, for which he received from churches and individuals \$182.16, which, added to the above, makes \$21,091.69.

It may be a matter of interest, as well as a surprise, to many to know that in all the Synod, there are only twelve churches giving sums varying in amounts from \$500 to \$1,101.14, Spartanburg First Church enjoying the distinction and praise for contributing the latter amount. Some of our larger churches not reaching the \$500 mark.

There are about 50 churches enlisted in the Forward

Movement.

Considerable progress has been made in the Forward Movement during the year. We quote the following, over the signature of our Field Secretary, which sets forth briefly the progress of the Forward Movement, under date of September 17, 1906:

#### "PROGRESS OF FORWARD MOVEMENT.

enlisted in the Forward Movement. These churches have "Within the last four months over 100 churches have been increased their gifts to Foreign Missions several thousand dollars by adopting this plan of giving. About 175 churches and many Sunday Schools, Young People's and Woman's Missionary Societies have also received a personal visit from a representative of this movement during the summer months. The salaries of fifteen missionaries have been provided. Five of these are supported by four business men in the Synods of North and South Carolina.

"The secretary having chief charge of work in the field has been assisted by Messrs. H. C. Ostrom, Gaston Boyle, J. W. Winson, and C. Fred Hancock. In behalf of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, we desire to acknowledge our grateful appreciation of the consecrated and valuable services of these brethren. The splendid results obtained in the last few months in the Forward Movement would not have been possible without the assistance of these faithful young missionaries.

"The Forward Movement continues to spread with increasing power among the Churches, Women's Missionary Societies and Sunday Schools. As speedily as possible we are endeavoring to reach each church desiring to adopt this plan of giving by a personal visit.

"With the continued hearty cooperation of all our pastors and people let us as a Church press forward to enlist every member in every congregation in a definite work in helping to Christianize the multitude whom God has committed to us, that we may make Christ known and 'win for the Lamb that was slain the reward of His suffering.'"

We heartily commend the policy of the Executive Committee in employing these consecrated young missionaries to assist in the presenting of the Forward Movement to the Church. It would take eight years for the Field Secretary to pay a personal visit to all our churches, if he visited one church every day.

We have to record with great regret the death of four of our missionaries—Rev. H. P. Price and Miss L. E. Winbish, of the Japan Mission; and Mrs. J. W. Davis and Miss A. V. Innes, of the China Mission.

The new Mission Boat, Samuel N. Lapsley, has been built in Scotland, shipped to Africa, rebuilt, and was supposed to make the first trip up the Congo River about the first of October, carrying seven of our missionaries, three returning and four new ones.

The average monthly circulation of The Missionary for the year ending April 1st was 17,230, and that of The Children's Missionary 6,090. The increase to the number of subscriptions to The Missionary was something over 1,000, and for The Children's Missionary about 250.

Your committee would call your attention to the literary department of the Executive Committee. They claim to have the best collection of foreign missionary literature, with one exception, of any missionary agency in the United States.

Decided advance has been made in the mission study course, about one-third larger than last year.

We call attention again to the Special Donation Fund, a most commendable way in which possessors of funds, intended ultimately for Foreign Missions, may now be turned over to the Executive Committee, and thus become their own executors, and at the same time, if desired, can receive a rate of interest, the rate being according to the age of the donor.

We recommend that Dr. J. Lowrie Wilson be invited to address the Synod on the subject of Foreign Missions on Wednesday evening, at 7:30 p. m.

ROBERT ADAMS, Chairman.

# IV. Tenth Annual Report of the Executive Committee of Home Missions.

Your committee begs leave to submit the following report. The reports of the several Presbyterial Chairmen will show the condition of the work as carried on by each Presbytery within its own bounds. Following these will be found reports from the workers who are sustained in whole or in part by the Synod's treasury. We need not enumerate here the various lines of work, as in each case the worker makes a full statement:

#### ENOREE PRESBYTERY.

The Home Mission work of Enoree Presbytery is conducted by a committee of five members, the chairman giving half his time and receiving a salary. Enoree Presbytery this Fall decided to ask \$3,000 for this year's work, and has appointed a simultaneous exchange of pulpits on the fourth Sabbath in November.

A group composed of six churches on the  $\Lambda$ . S. & C. R. R. has been formed, and a salary of \$800 and a house secured. We hope soon to have a man for this work.

At Clinton, \$600 has been raised. We wish to place a man here at \$800 and a house.

Especially noteworthy among the encouraging features of our work is the development of our new work at Spartanburg and Clifton. A like effort is in prospect at Greenville.

By the Spring meeting of Presbytery we expect to employ the superintendent of Home Missions for whole time.

JONAS BARCLAY, Chairman.

#### HARMONY PRESBYTERY.

The Committee of Home Missions respectfully reports:

1. Grateful acknowledgement is made to Almighty God for His blessing upon us in the successful prosecution of the work committed to us. All of our Home Mission fields are supplied with the regular ministrations of the preached Word, and it is a gratifying fact that there are only two vacant pulpits in the Presbytery. One of these vacant fields will be supplied in the near future, as the church is self-sustaining. The other field is supplied from time to time with some degree of regularity. A licentiate was employed during the past summer.

2. The committee is aiding the following churches:

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Georgetown	\$	50	00
Work at Rosemary			
Jordan			00
Pinewood		25	00
Bethune		50	00
Turkey Creek		25	00
New Hope			
Total			

3. The churches supplied by Rev. R. L. Grier are building a manse at Greelevville. The field supplied by Rev. James McDowell is also building a manse at Sardinia. The churches supplied by Rev. E. E. Ervin have also in view a manse at Kingstree, and some funds are already collected for this purpose. A new church building is contracted for by the Beulah congregation. None of these three fields are aided by the Home Mission Committee, but we deemed the facts of sufficient importance and interest to bring them to your notice.

J. M. HOLLADAY,

Chairman.

#### CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.

Report of Home Missions in Charleston Presbytery to the Synod of South Carolina, from October 1st, 1905, to September 30th, 1906:

Charletson Presbytery is in exigent need of ministers. Fifteen out of twenty-seven bona fide churches are vacant. Some of these are self-supporting, furnish a manse, and want a pastor. Others receive aid from the Presbytery. Several lumber camps ask for preaching by Presbyterian ministers for at least one Sunday in a month.

These vacancies have been made mainly within the last six months by the removal of several ministers to other fields. The difficulty of supplying them is not due, as ordinarily, to the lack of means, but rather to the generally scant ministerial supply and the failure or inability of the churches

to furnish a manse.

We regret the resignation of Rev. W. H. Mills, of the work in the Horse Creek Valley. His loss is irreparable. We appreciate and commend the excellent work of Miss Minnie Wilson in the same field. The meetings of Synod's Evangelist and Superintendent, Revs. R. G. McLees and F. H. Wardlaw, are highly valuable. Calls for their services have already been made for the next year.

The following is a summary of our situation at the end

of the Synodical year:

1. Vacant Churches—James Island, Johns Island, Wilson, Stoney Creek, Blackville, Barnwell, Denmark, Bamberg, Allendale, Boiling Springs, Estill, and Harmony. Wal-

terboro and Corinth have a pastor-elect. Langley is vacant on account of the removal of Rev. W. H. Mills.

2. Prospects for an organization at St. Matthews, where

Rev. John L. McLees has been preaching.

- 3. The factory towns, lumber camps, and various villages and country communities present a wide and unoccupied mission field.
- 4. At the fall meeting of Presbytery, Rev. F. D. Jones was elected Presbyterial Evangelist for six months, with a salary of \$100 a month and expenses, to organize and get pastors for the vacant fields.

5. During the year Charleston Presbytery contributed to its own work the clear sum of \$884.26. To Synod's work

the Presbytery gave \$842.59.

## FRANK DUDLEY JONES, Chairman.

#### BETHEL PRESBYTERY.

The Home Mission work of Bethel Presbytery is conducted by a committee of seven members, the chairman of which gives one-fourth of his time to the work, for which he is paid a salary.

1. During the past year seven pastorates, including twenty-one churches, have been aided in securing the regu-

lar ministrations of a pastor.

2. Regular preaching has been maintaiend at four

chapels.

3. Four mission stations have been established. At three of these regular preaching is being had, and we hope will soon be at the other one also.

4. There was expended on the work about \$715.00.

G. G. MAYES,

## Chairman.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY.

1. All the churches of Presbytery have been regularly supplied with preaching except the Walhalla group and Fort Hill. The Walhalla group will soon have a pastor. Fort Hill also has called a pastor, and hopes soon to have him on the ground.

2. Carrying out the direction of Presbytery, the committee arranged for forty-four meetings in our weak churches, mission points and vacant churches. Many of these meetings were held, and we hope much good was done. Forty-seven were added to the churches through these meetings.

3. Appropriations were made as follows for the support

of this work:

or one work.		
To Rev. J. G. Law, serving five churches	.\$150	00
To Rev. F. A. Drennan, serving two churches	. 48	00
To Rev. A. W. White, serving one church	. 48	00
To Rev. W. F. Strickland, serving one church	. 60	00
To Rev. T. C. Ligon, serving one church	. 48	00
To Rev. R. S. Latimer, serving one church		00
To Rev. S. L. Wilson, serving evangelistic	. 111	15

4. Reports from the workers in this department show

fidelity of workers and a good degree of success.

In several fields churches and manses have been improved. At Sunset, the church has been inclosed and floor put in it. A meeting was held there with promise of good results. The collections for this cause were taken in a goodly number of churches. Others have sent in little or nothing. About one-half the amount asked for (\$1,000) has been collected.

Respectfully submitted,
M. R. KIRKPATRICK,
Chairman.

North Augusta, S. C., Oct. 23, 1906.

To the Executive Committee of Home Missions, Synod of South Carolina, Rev. F. H. Wardlaw, Chairman.

Dear Brethren: I herewith submit my annual report of the work in the Horse Creek Valley:

#### I. PREACHING.

I have preached regularly as follows:

First Sabbaths, at Clearwater, morning and night, and at Graniteville in the afternoon.

Third Sabbath, at Graniteville, in the afternoon. Fourth Sabbath at Beech Island, in the afternoon.

I have not preached elsewhere regularly, for the lack of suitable buildings.

For some months I have taught regularly, except on the fourth Sabbath, in the afternoon, in the Sunday School at Clearwater.

The attendance at Clearwater and Graniteville upon the preaching has not been good.

#### II. VISITING.

During the year I have visited in the homes of many of the people, giving usually two or three days in every week to this work. I have paid special attention to the sick and destitute. Miss Minnie Wilson continued her labor, save during the summer vacation, throughout the year. Her report will speak for itself. I am of opinion that much benefit will be derived from a larger and more widely varied use of the power of godly women as visitors in these mill towns. I am sure that in many instances Miss Wilson has greatly comforted and relieved the sick; has persuaded parents to send children to school; has induced persons to attend church; and has materially helped several families to a higher and better mode of living.

#### III. COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH CAUSES.

During the ten months—January 1, 1906, to October	21,
1906—there has been contributed as follows:	
Assembly's Home Missions	75
Presbyterial Home Missions	70
	10
	40
Foreign Missions	20
	. 50
	00
Ministerial Education	60
Colored Evangelization (December collection) 1	. 00
Orphanage 2	0.0
Pastor's salary	00

#### IV. SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

In view of the facts that so large a proportion of our white population is now at the cotton mill, and that to their help—social, moral, industrial, and religious—so much effort is now directed on the part of all our Protestant denominations, and by societies, and individuals as well, I suggest that some conference be arranged for, in which the churches,

societies, and individuals can be present, through their representatives, in order that the work may be well defined, systematized, co-ordinated, and then attacked with some proper appreciation of its great and increasing importance.

Believing that the work is missionary in the same sense that work in any country destitute of both theoretical and applied Christianity is missionary, I recommend that you, as a committee, undertake to provide for this work, the three recognized agencies for the promotion of Christianity in missionary lands:

(a) The ministry of the pastor and preacher.(b) The ministry of the physician and nurse.

(c) The ministry of the teacher in the night school.

Yours very respectfully,

WM. H. MILLS.

### Miss Wilson's Work.

My work for the past year has been confined more particularly to Graniteville, Madison and Warrenville, but I go when I can to Clearwater and Vaucluse also. My work principally is visiting from house to house, coming in personal contact with the women and children in their homes. I am out every morning until the noon dinner hour, again in the afternoon, making from twenty to twenty-five visits a week, getting in close touch with hundreds of women and children.

Whenever opportunity offers, I read the Scriptures and pray with them. And I have always found attentive listeners. In several homes I found no Bibles. In some of these I supplied them. In many homes I found children of school age, neither in Sunday School nor day school. These I urged to attend, and feel that I have met with some success in this effort.

On Saturday afternoons I meet with a class of girls who work in the mill. There are twenty-three in this class, girls from twelve to sixteen years of age. The first half-hour we spend in reading and studying the Bible, after which we have a lesson in sewing. Then, if time permits, some wholesome recreation. The attendance has been remarkably good, and the interest shown gives great encouragement.

For three months I have been going to Clearwater to teach an interesting class of boys in a Union Sunday School. I have had some letters of inquiry regarding my work from members of several ladies' societies in different parts of the State. To some of these I have written letters to be read at their meetings; to others, nearby, I have complied with their request and in person told of my work.

Among the very few Presbyterians at Graniteville, we have organized a Ladies' Missionary Society. Only seven members, but we pray God will make us zealous in His work.

M. S. WILSON.

## Horry Field.

Conway, S. C., Oct. 8, 1906.

Rev. F. H. Wardlaw, Superintendent and Chairman, Greenwood, S. C.

Dear Brother Wardlaw: I began my work in the Horry county field May 13, 1906, preaching that day in the Kingston Church. By the terms of my call, I give three-fourths of my time to Kingston and Waccamaw Churches, equally divided between the two churches, and the other one-fourth of my time to the Bayboro Church.

On Tuesday, July 24th, at a called meeting of Pee Dee Presbytery, held at Florence, I was received into Pee Dee Presbytery, from the Presbytery of Columbia, and calls were placed in my hands and accepted from Kingston, Waccamaw and Bayboro Churches, and Presbytery took order for my installation. I was duly installed pastor at Waccamaw Church on Sabbath morning, August 5th, at Kingston Church on the evening of August 5th, and at Bayboro on Monday morning, August 6th.

At Kingston Church, since my work began, we have received six (6) members by letter; one of these from the Congregational Church and one from the Methodist Church.

Beginning September 22d, and closing September 27th, I held special services at Bayboro, and as the result, we received four members by examination, three young men and one married lady. As yet there have been no accessions to

the Waccamaw Church since my pastorate began. The work is encouraging and hopeful. Fraternally,

A. S. DOAK.

Clemson College, S. C., Oct. 19, 1906.

Rev. F. H. Wardlaw, Superintendent Synod's Executive Committee of Home Missions, Greenwood, S. C.

Dear Sir: In justice to ourselves and to the Synod of South Carolina, which so unanimously and generously appropriated at its meeting last October, \$1,000 to aid Fort Hill Church in procuring a resident pastor, it seems proper to the Fort Hill congregation that we give you, as Chairman of Synod's Executive Committee of Home Missions, and through you the Synod of South Carolina, an account of our efforts to procure a resident pastor.

We lost no time in beginning our search for the right man to do the great work in this field.

Seven formal calls were issued. Of these, five were refused for certain special and peculiar reasons not in any way connected with the nature of the work here.

On September 10th we called Rev. Wm. H. Mills, of North Augusta, S. C. This call was accepted September 20, 1906.

W feel that God has guided us in our efforts to obtain a pastor, and we can not but believe that our call for Mr. Mills was the result of an overruling Providence. Mr. Mills has endeared himself to us all by preaching and working among us for the past two summers, having at our invitation filled our pulpit during the month of August. We are eagerly looking forward to Mr. Mills' entrance upon the work November 1st, and confidently expect God's rich blessings upon his labors in this community.

Cordially and sincerely, R. N. BRACKETT, Secretary Committee on Call.

# The Annual Report of the Georgetown Presbyterian Church to the Synod of South Carolina, from Oct., 1905 to Oct. 1906.

Dear Brethren: Our report this year is both encouraging and discouraging, as the facts below will show:

1. Members Received.—Twelve (12) members have been received on profession of faith in Christ, and eight (8) by letter—making twenty (20) in all.

2. Attendance.—During the winter months and early spring we had as large congregations as our church could seat comfortably; at times chairs had to be brought in, and

every available space was filled.

3. Rosemary Mission.—Soon after Synod last year, I made a visit to Rosemary, a small town about eighteen miles from Georgetown, on the G. & W. Railroad. This place is the headquarters of the logging department of the  $\Lambda$ . C. L. corporation and of the commissary department, also the machine shops of the G. & W. Railroad are located here. The town is growing rapidly, and is laid off beautifully, is being better drained in the low places, and the prospects are good for a town of considerable size. The greater part of the town is on a high ridge, in the pines, and is considered a healthy place to live. I only knew of one member of the Presbyterian Church here, but at her request I made an appointment to preach in the schoolhouse on a week night. We were so encouraged over the congregation, I made a regular appointment to go there every Friday night and preach, and I have continued to do this until now. Thirteen (13) members have been received into the church, that is, in the Georgetown Presbyterian Church; several others have professed faith in Christ and have joined the Methodist Church.

Recently a lot has been donated to us for a church building. We have practically raised enough money to build, the contract has been let, and the building will begin now in a few days.

I am doing the best I can to take care of this work, but can only give them a service in the week. They want service on Sunday, and occasionally the Session of the Georgetown Church will permit me to give them a Sunday and conduct a communion service. One time the superintendent of the G. & W. Railroad had a special train run down to Georgetown to bring all the Rosemary people to church—giving them the trip free. Now, this is encouraging to us, and we are thankful.

On the 17th of September a terrific storm visited this section, doing much damage to property. Our church was badly wrecked, so bad indeed that we do not think it would pay to repair. We will have to build a new church. The congregation have decided that the church ought to be more centrally located, and we are now investigating, having appointed a committee of business men for that purpose, to see what we can sell our property for in the New-town and build in the center of the city.

During the year we have lost fifteen (15) members, who have moved to other parts of the country, and two (2) have been removed by death, making a total loss of seventeen

(17).

And last, but not least, we ask for your prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. WYLY,

Pastor.

## Spartanburg Mill Work.

On arriving in Spartanburg January 3d, I found the work in a very disorganized condition, but by the help of God,

things are now more satisfactory.

In the Second Church, even the sessional records were lost. About 20 members were found and banded together. The need for a more central location being evident, we have purchased a lot near Wofford College, and expect to build next spring, much of the money being now in hand. Received on profession of faith 9, by letter 6. Total membership 36.

The Saxon Church has only 8 members, but is doing active work. A mission has been organized at Arcadia, which will be run principally by the elders of Saxon Church. We need a church building here. Four have been received

lately, 2 on profession, and 2 by letter.

The Third Church came into being last March. I preach here twice a month, and have prayer meeting every Wednesday night. The need is great, but the outlook is not very bright. Fifteen have been received on profession of faith and 1 by letter. The total membership is 19.

At Clifton, reorganization was a necessary first step. This was accomplished, and the congregation began to take on new life. A \$2,000 church building is in process of erection, to be completed December 1st. This is a very encouraging work. Besides the regular Clifton work, three mission points are being supplied, No. 3 mill, Converse and Cowpens, with much interest manifested. We have received 3 on profession and 7 by letter, giving us a membership of 32.

We expect great things of God. To Him be the glory.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. STEVENSON.

## Report of Synod's Evangelist.

There seems now to be a growing demand for evangelistic services, and the work to be done far exceeds our ability to do it. If there were men and means at the disposal of the Synod, we are confident that a great work for Christ and Presbyterianism could be accomplished within the bounds of our State in the near future.

Since the Synod last met I have held 25 protracted meetings, each of about 8 days' duration. In these meetings I have been assisted by Rev. F. H. Wardlaw, who conducted the singing.

As one of the results of the services there have been added to the Presbyterian Church upon profession of faith more than 350 members, and 10 by letter. In addition, there were a good number of others who went into churches of different communions.

If these figures be a fair index, this was been the most successful year's work that we have yet been permitted to do, and for this we are profoundly grateful to God, by whose Spirit the blessing has come, and to whose name all the glory is due.

R. G. McLEES.

## Report of Superintendent.

In addition to the 25 churches in which meetings were held, I have visited 55 others during the year, presenting the Synod's work. At one of these I preached for six days.

After some delay, the services of Rev. A. S. Doak, of Tennessee, were secured for the Conway field. A new plan was adopted by which the churches of the group pledge a certain amount each. There was such a gratifying increase in these amounts that we were enabled to reduce our appropriation to almost one-third the original sum. Brother Doak is regularly installed as pastor of each church.

The three Presbyteries, Charleston, Harmony and Pee Dee, having accepted a proposition made by our committee to the effect that an evangelist be secured for that territory, one-fourth of his salary to be paid by each Presbytery, and one-fourth by our committee, immediate efforts were made to secure such a worker. These efforts have proved fruitless until now, but I am glad to be able to report that Rev. A. R. Woodson, of Pendleton, has accepted the work and will begin at once.

The Horse Creek Valley work is left without a minister by the resignation of Brother Mills. I am corresponding now with a view toward supplying this vacancy.

Much time, effort and prayer have been spent on the conduct of "The Synod's Home Missionary." Though mistakes were made, I have reason to believe that it has been blessed of God to the advancement of our cause, and am glad to be able to report that the treasury has not been drawn upon for one dollar, the first year being passed without debt. I have enlarged the paper, adding a department of schools and colleges, and have expended a good deal of money lately on better equipment. This will insure better service and weed out mistakes. Again I call for the cooperation of the Synod along this line.

Much more than ever before has been attempted in the way of widening and deepening the interest in home mission work and in the cultivation of the mission spirit.

Respectfully submitted, F. H. WARDLAW. The Synod will notice that about the same amount has been raised for the work this year as last. We experience some disappointment in this failure to increase the amount, yet all the demands of the work upon the treasury have been promptly met. If all the vacancies are supplied, these demands will be largely increased. In this connection, allow us to call to the attention of the Synod the fact that in Bethel Presbytery 43 churches out of 57 contributed; in Charleston, 11 out of 32; in Enoree, 27 out of 59; in Harmony, 21 out of 33; in Pee Dee, 15 out of 29; in South Carolina, 27 out of 65; in many cases where contributing, they fall short of their apportionment.

In those branches of work maintained in whole or in part by the Synod there have been nearly 450 additions to the Presbyterian Church. This is a most encouraging feature.

We would urge upon the attention of the Synod the following features of home mission endeavor as demanding the most careful consideration of us all:

- (1) The splendid possibilities of the work of the woman missionary in the mill villages of our State. We are encouraged by the ready response of the Ladies' Societies, as shown in the goodly amount raised already by them for this work, to look forward to the placing of others in the field.
- (2) The lumber camps of lower South Carolina, as affording splendid opportunity for evangelistic effort.
- (3) The tide of immigration which is already turning toward our shores. We must help Continental Europe to find the blessings of Christianity in Christian America.

We recommend as to the supply of Fort Hill Church that the Executive Committee of Home Missions be allowed to appropriate \$1,000, if necessary.

We recommend that \$7,000 be asked from the churches for this work for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted, EXECUTIVE COM. OF HOME MISSIONS, F. H. Wardlaw, Chairman.

## Treasurer's Report-Receipts.

BETHEL PRESBYTERY.

Individuals—\$20.

Societies—L. M. S., Concord, \$20; L. A. S., Tirzah, \$10; L. A. S., Bethesda, \$10; L. M. S., Sion, \$16.68; E. C. D. M. S., Yorkville, \$8.75; Girls' M. Band, Sion, \$8.15; West. League, Sion, \$8.60; Children's M. S., Sion, \$1.25; Mizpah M. Band, \$3; Y. L. M. and B. S., Zion, \$10; L. A. S., Rock Hill, \$10; L. A. and M. S., Zion, \$10; L. A. S., Olivet, \$10; L. H. M. S., Fort Mill, \$10; L. A. S., Lebanon, \$8; L. A. S., Lancaster, \$10. Total \$154.43.

Churches—Salem \$55; Aimwell \$32.05; Concord \$29; Zion \$19; Beth Shiloh \$19.46; Clover \$24; Bethel \$53; Uriel \$1; Union \$9; Purity \$96; Liberty Hill \$5.61; Sion \$19.57; Lebanon \$17; Mt. Olivet \$8; Beersheba \$13.45; Fort Lawn \$1; Catholic \$20.45; Bowling Green \$13; Kershaw \$15; Douglas \$4; Beaver Creek \$4; Ebenezer \$29.80; Rock Hill \$84.72; Rocky Creek \$2.30; Jefferson \$4.80; Allison Creek \$17; Mt. Pleasant \$3; Simpson \$1; Olivet \$4.29; Mizpah \$3; Hebron \$10; White Oak \$10; Ruby \$5.25; Bullock's Creek \$10; Pleasant Grove \$46.22; Longtown \$5; Yorkville \$58; McBee \$3; Richburg \$3; Fort Mill \$15; Waxhaw \$1.40; Lancaster \$39.37; Heath Spring \$25. Total \$839.74.

Grand total for Bethel, \$1,014.17.

#### CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.

Individuals—\$39.80.

Societies—L. M. S., New Wappetaw, \$10; L. M. S., Summerville, \$13.95; L. A. S., Aiken, \$20. Total \$43.95.

Churches—Charleston Second \$18.21; New Wappetaw \$77.77; Aiken \$54.65; Summerville \$10; H. C. Valley \$51.93; Orangeburg \$150; Charleston First \$100; Columbia First \$226.97; Columbia Second \$18.41; Westminster \$43.90; Waverly S. S. \$5; Beech Island \$2. Total \$758.84.

Grand total \$842.59.

### ENOREE PRESBYTERY.

Individuals—\$12.

Societies—Company 75, Greenville Second, \$5; L. M. S.,

Fairview, \$5; L. M. S., Greenville Second, \$23.25. Total \$33.25.

Sababth Schools—Greenville Second \$4.10.

Churches—Greenville Second \$40.34; Greenville First \$75; Rocky Spring \$4.50; Mountain Shoals \$19.10; Mt. Calvary \$11.05; Laurens \$4.60; Friendship \$2; Clinton First \$85.82; Mountville \$1.30; Lisbon \$11.71; Liberty Spring \$3.88; Nazareth \$17.29; Becca \$2.13; Centre Point \$11.94; Tucapau \$4.75; Wellford \$66; Old Fields \$3.12; Duncan's Creek \$2.10; Shady Grove \$1.15; Rockbridge \$0.75; Palmer \$10; Spartanburg First \$7.06; Woodruff \$37.20; Union \$12.10; Glenn Springs \$14.44; Mt. Tabor (G) \$57; Fairforest \$3.25. Total \$509.58.

Grand total \$558.93.

#### HARMONY PRESBYTERY.

Individuals—\$13.80.

Societies—L. M. S., Mt. Zion, \$30; L. M. S., Indiantown, \$9; L. A. S., Bishopville, \$10; L. M. S., Hebron, \$8.25; L. M. S., Mayesville, \$10; L. A. S., Sumter, \$10; L. M. S., Wedgefield, \$5. Total \$82.25.

Churches—Manning \$16.79; Camden \$85.60; Bishopville \$68.83; Turkey Creek \$1.20; Pinewood \$2.72; New Harmony \$11.35; Union \$3.19; Mayesville \$34.40; Richmond \$5; Jordan \$2; Hephzibah \$5; Corinth \$15; Bethel \$6; Salem (B. R.) \$25; Concord \$5.15; Wedgefield \$8.85; Hebron \$6.12; Tirzah \$5.82; Midway \$5; Indiantown \$10.50; Beulah \$2. Total \$325.52.

Grand total Harmony \$421.57.

#### PEE DEE PRESBYTERY.

Individuals-\$22.

Societies—L. A. S., Carolina, \$10; L. M. S., Cheraw, \$20; L. M. S., Bennettsville, \$10; L. A. S., Clio, \$10; L. M. S., Darlington, \$20; L. M. S., Hopewell, \$10. Total \$80.

Churches—Dunbar \$6.35; Lamar \$10; Bennettsville \$25.81; Society Hill \$62.62; Hartsville \$12; Fair Hope \$12; Darlington \$94.63; Florence \$77.91; Timmonsville \$200;

Cheraw \$87.47; Hopewell \$12.50; Pee Dee \$5; Latta \$3; Reedy Creek \$6.53; Dunbarton \$1.35. Total \$617.17. Grand total Pee Dee \$719.17.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY.

Individuals—\$19.

Societies—L. A. S., Abbeville, \$20; L. A. S., Greenwood, \$30; E. W. M. S., Abbeville, \$20; L. M. S., Central, \$4; L. M. S., Greenwood, \$10; L. A. and M. S., Seneca, \$5; L. M. S., Pendleton, \$10; L. S., Greenville, \$5. Total \$104.

Churches—Hodges \$25.63; Greenwood \$168.15; Little Mountain \$15.69; Lebanon \$47.50; Donalds \$8.40; Long Cane \$9.15; Greenville \$46.07; Aveleigh \$65.80; Retreat \$1.13; Trenton \$4.25; Slabtown \$2.64; Pelzer \$86.80; Morris \$2.45; Fair Play \$3.70; Whitmire \$2.15; Hopewell \$5; Carmel \$6.12; Pickens \$11.75; Seneca \$21.87; Mt. Pleasant \$10.11; Fort Hill \$21.46; Liberty \$10.70; Easley \$14.20; Central \$20.48; Mt. Zion \$3; Mt. Carmel \$27.50; Good Hope \$5; Abbeville \$35.29. Total \$681.99.

Grand total \$804.99.

#### RECEIPTS BY PRESBYTERIES.

Bethel	17
Charleston	59
Enoree	93
Harmony 421	57
Pee Dee	17
South Carolina 804	99
Miscellaneous 50	00
\$4,411	$\frac{-}{42}$

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

#### Expense.

Com. meeting \$ 30	65
Traveling expenses R. G. M. 112	11
Traveling expenses F. H. W. 225	94
Trav. expenses A. S. Doak 25	00
Postage 21	18
Incidentals 2	95

\$417 83

Salaries.		
W. H. Mills \$880 02		
W. J. Wyly 400 01		
Miss Wilson		
J. P. Stevenson 149 95		
R. G. McLees 900 00		
F. H. Wardlaw 900 00		
C. L. Bragaw 25 01		
A. S. Doak 104 19		
	\$3,695	18
Error	2	50
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	\$4,115	
Total receipts		
Balance from last report	. 553	06
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Total disbursements		
Balance in bank	. 848	97
	\$4,964	18
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About \$800 has been raised by the Ladies' Societies for the woman's work. Of this amount, Miss Wilson has been paid \$366, leaving a balance of \$434. This amount, deducted from the balance in bank, leaves \$355 for the general work. When salaries for October, now due, are paid, there will be less than \$100 in the treasury.

F. H. WARDLAW, Treasurer.

# V. Report of Permanent Committee on Education and Relief.

Our Church had at the last Assembly 326 candidates and 40 licentiates. Our increase in candidates for the year was a little over 1 per cent., while that of the Northern Church was a little over 4 per cent. Our total increase for three years is a little over 3, while theirs is over 20 per cent. The great evangelistic work done by the Northern Church doubtless explains this difference; for it is a noticeable fact in our own history that when additions by confession have marked-

ly increased candidates have also increased. It is not encouraging to notice that if we add our licentiates and candidates together in 1903, and again in 1906, we get the same figure—366.

Turning to this Synod, 24 candidates and 5 licentiates are reported now, against 20 candidates and 5 licentiates in May. Confining our attention to candidates, Bethel reports 7, Charleston and Enoree, 5; South Carolina, 4; Harmony, 3; and Pee Dec. 2.

Under charge of our Presbyteries we have 8 in Seminary this year, against 9 last year—2 at Louisville, 3 at Columbia, 3 at Union—2 Seniors, 3 Middlers, 3 Juniors. Add to these 2 Juniors at Columbia not under charge of Presbytery, and inquire whether it is possible that other self-supporting students might go to the Seminary but for their laboring under the impression that a man must go under charge of Presbytery, with full and clear conviction, to get into the Seminary.

We have 14 in college this year, against 9 last year—6 at Clinton, 7 at Davidson, 1 in S. W. P. U.—6 Seniors, 2 Juniors, 2 Sophomores, 4 Freshmen.

We have no students in preparatory school.

We have received 8 this year, against 2 last year.

We have dropped 2 this year without discredit to either—one at his own request and the other because he had been in-advertently received to be educated as a medical missionary without intending to preach.

Three are not studying—one is teaching in Cuban Mission with consent of Presbytery, one is detained by illness of his father, and one, who is just out of a college course without expense to Presbytery, is teaching.

The Central Committee has aided 12 from our Synod this year, against 19 last year—1 each from Bethel and Harmony, 2 each from Charleston and Pee Dee, and 3 each from Enoree and South Carolina—paying them a total of \$1,140. One of our candidates this year, against 4 last year, is aided by Students' Fund of Seminary.

Our Presbyteries have contributed a total of \$1,965 to Louisville Committee as follows: Bethel \$455, Charleston \$220, Enoree \$335, Harmony \$279, Pee Dee \$369, South

Carolina \$303. Our total, which has been increased by individual gifts to \$2,088, evceeds that of last year \$351, and is \$948 more than our students have drawn out. Our strong Synod should always give more than it receives, that weaker portions of the Church may be sustained. All our Presbyteries except South Carolina have increased their gifts to the committee, and Charleston, in addition, gives \$525 directly to students. In Harmony and Enoree there has been marked increase of contribution—none too soon, and individual gifts from the Synod amount to more than usual—\$123. We note one of \$100.

All our Presbyteries report favorably as to the diligence

and deportment of thir candidates.

Four Presbyteries—Bethel, Charleston, Enoree, Harmony—report effort on the part of Presbytery or pastors to turn the attention of young men to the ministry. Pee Dee and South Carolina report no such effort.

Two things should not be forgotten. While our increase in contribution for the year has been marked, amounting to more than 20 per cent., yet 81 out of 274 churches gave nothing to the cause. Can't we get a contribution from

every church?

Only 117 out of 274 churches contributed since April 1, giving only \$760.28 of the \$2,855 apportioned to this Synod. In Bethel, 26 churches and one Sunday School gave \$245 of the \$725 apportioned; in Charleston, 6 churches gave \$72.19 of the \$500; in Enoree, 33 churches and one Sunday school gave \$150.80 of the \$450; in Harmony, 15 churches gave \$106.29 of the \$330; in Pee Dee, 9 churches gave \$49.80 of the \$350; in South Carolina, 28 churches and one Sunday School gave \$135.15 of the \$500 apportioned.

It is evident that we must bestir ourselves in November,

if our reports shall continue to be encouraging.

The facts herein reported are for the most part encouraging, and yet the supply of ministers is far from the need. What is the duty of the hour?

Our committee has interviewed 314 candidates and brought to light some interesting facts. Hear some of them:

Whence They Come.—We have learned the occupation of

the fathers of 314 of our candidates. Of these 157 have fathers who are farmers, 35 are the sons of ministers, 35 of merchants, 8 of lawyers, 8 of physicians, 6 of carpenters, 6 of teachers, 5 of bankers, 5 of government officials, 4 of mill men, 4 of newspaper men, 4 of railroad men, 4 of real estate men, while the remaining 33 are sons of men engaged in 20 different occupations.

Age at Admittance to Communion.—Of the 316 candidates from whom we received information on this point, 11 were admitted to communion under 8 years of age, 210 between the years of 9 and 15 inclusive, 80 between 16 and 20, 11 between 21 and 25, 3 between 26 and 30, and 1 at the age

of 34.

Age at Decision.—Of 323 candidates reporting, 17 felt the call of God to the ministry and decided to give their lives to the work under the age of 10 years, 26 between 11 and 15, 176 between 16 and 20, 88 between 21 and 25, 9 between 26 and 30, and 7 between 31 and 40 years.

These facts point to the country as our most hopeful field for candidates. Will our wealthier churches give us the

money for vigorous evangelistic work there?

They point to the young as our most hopeful class—the young before they get old enough, in the judgment of perhaps the majority, to consider such questions at all. If people did not do some things before they are old enough to do them, how sad would be the plight of the Church!

They point to parent, pastor and evangelist, those closest to the young, as the ones who must be roused to a sense of their obligation in this matter of ministerial supply.

Furthermore, all our Church courts must do what some have begun—they must make effort to rouse our people to the duty of better support of the ministry. In the country and in many towns churches now expect a minister to preach to them half his time for less money than is now required to buy one decent horse and buggy in which he may ride to their pulpits. A negro fireman on our principal railroads, or any sort of negro brick mason, who picks up his trade in a few weeks, is paid more money than most ministers in the country, who spend \$1,500 and years of time in preparation for their work. It is idle to say that churches cannot

do better now than they did when cotton was little over half its present price. Most of our churches will do so if the matter is properly presented to them by the Church courts, and where they refuse, it is right that they lose their ministers.

We recommend the following action:

Resolved, First, That this Synod is thankful for the increased contribution and increased number of candidates, and urges pastors and sessions to see that liberal collections are taken in all our churches in November for this cause.

2. That this Synod calls the attention of all pastors, sessions and congregations to the following action of the Assembly:

"That the second Sabbath of November, the month in which the collection is taken, be observed as a special day of prayer for schools and colleges, when pastors may lay the call of the gospel ministry upon the hearts and consciences of young men and press home to the hearts of the people the duty of contributing generously to these important causes."

And we urge that where congregations cannot meet on this Sabbath, they perform these duties on some more convenient day, and that our people not neglect in their homes earnest prayer for the young in our institutions, and for more laborers in the Master's vineyard.

#### MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

In the absence of that member of your Permanent Committee who was expected to prepare the part of this report relating to relief, we recommend that Secretary Sweets be heard at this meeting in place of that part of this report.

As to the funds in Abbeville in the hands of the Society for the Relief of Superannuated Ministers, we recommend, after investigation through Col. L. W. Perrin, our attorney, that the Synod now amend the constitution of said society by striking out all words and sentences limiting the application of the funds to members of this Synod and turn the funds and records of the society over to the care of our Executive Committee in Louisville as endowment for the cause of Ministerial Relief, thanking the Treasurer of said society, Mr. L. W. White, for his faithful and careful management of the same.

B. P. REID, Chairman.

# VI. Report of Permanent Committee on Publication and Sabbath School Work.

### I. PUBLICATION.

It is gratifying to report to Synod that the Cause of Publication has continued to grow and prosper under the present management. Each year has marked a decided increase over the preceding one in the amount of business done and the profits therefrom. Last year the net profits amounted to \$12,063 on the sales of books and periodicals. Data more

recently received indicate still greater profits.

Mr. Magill writes that: "We now have on our donation list 215 Sabbath Schools in which are enrolled over 10,000 children. These schools are in every Synod of our Church, and the only religious instruction the majority of the pupils receive is that given by the faithful workers in these schools. During the past six months our expense for field workers and donations was \$13,800. We received from the Church during same period \$3,700. You will note the excess given back to the Church was \$10,100, or stated in another form, every time the Church gave us one dollar we returned it and added \$3.10 from our own funds. This will indicate the aggressive work we are doing for Sabbath School Missions. There has been an increase in enrollment of 42,000 in the last four years since the Assembly undertook an aggressive Sabbath school work."

It may be well to call Synod's attention to what its churches are doing for this worthy cause. While the number of churches contributing is about the same, the total amount has greatly increased. Last year we had to report only \$873 given to this cause. This year we can report \$1,165. The increase took place in every Presbytery. Let it be noted the amounts for this year must be still larger to meet the \$25,000, as recommended by the Assembly.

#### II. SABBATH SCHOOL WORK.

Never before in the history of the world has there been such a uniform opinion regarding the duty we owe to children. There is a widespread awakening to the inestimable value of child life and deeper realization of the importance of carefully training and guiding it. Philanthropists, statesmen and teachers are studying and planning how best to accomplish the task of doing this. The Church, too, is slowly awakening to its paramount duty to the lambs of the fold. We say slowly for it is acknowledged that the Church has been slow to make improvements in its method of instructing its children, not to speak of its comparative failure to reach them. To be more specific, we wish to call Synod's attention:

1st. To the necessity of taking steps to increase our number of Sabbath school scholars. The ratio of Sabbath school scholars to the number of communicants for the entire Assembly is 67 per cent., whereas in our Synod it is 56 per cent. In the matter of numbers, therefore, we are 10 per cent. behind. Instead of 12,000 scholars, we should have nearly 15,000. It is enough to move our heart to pity to think of the lost sheep, but far more should we be stirred over the wandering and helpless lambs. Will you permit us again to call your attention to the fact that excess of public school enrollment over that of the Sabbath school enrollment in South Carolina is nearly 100,000!

2nd. How shall we improve our Sabbath Schools? By teacher training, by the intelligent use of our Sabbath School literature, by a wiser and more careful classification of the pupils, by better physical equipment and more adaptable rooms. To this end we would urge our pastors, sessions and Sabbath School superintendents to advise with those inspiring and helpful officials of the Assembly—Dr. Phillips, at Richmond, and Rev. M. B. Porter, at Charlotte.

3rd. We would call attention to following:

1st. The Assembly directs pastors and sessions to appeal to the churches to raise \$25,000 during the year for the support of the publication and Sabbath school work.

"2nd. That official designation of the March collection is changed from "The Collection for Publication and Colport-

age" to "The offering for Sabbath School Missions and Publication."

3rd. That the Executive Committee of Publication and Sabbath School Work was authorized by the Assembly to introduce two special missionary lessons for the two temperance lessons during the year; and that special missionary departments be organized in each Sabbath school in connection with the same.

4th. We would call attention to the fact that Rev. M. B. Porter has been appointed as district Sabbath School superintendent over District No. 1, which includes our Synod. His headquarters are at Charlotte, N. C., and we cordially commend him to our Presbyteries and churches.

HUGH R. MURCHISON,

Chairman.

## VII. Report on the Bible Cause.

The Permanent Committee on the Bible Cause would respectfully report to Synod as follows:

Our work of Bible distribution as conducted by the American Bible Society the last year has been characterized by almost exactly the same features as in the year preceding, only with marked emphasis. In the orderings of Divine Providence, splendid opportunities, such as we hardly dared to anticipate, have presented themselves; while in the very face of them, when they seemed to be within our very grasp, the society has been tied up with financial straits, probably the most severe in its history. For six months it was compelled to borrow money with which to carry on the work and to curtail wherever possible. But, with faith in the God of the Bible, and in His people who love the Word, it proclaimed its needs, appealed for help, and went forward to the best of its ability in disseminating the Scriptures. And, at the close of the year, its report shows that it had circulated 2,236,755 volumes, the largest issue for one year in all its history; and funds came in to its financial relief so as to enable it to pay back its borrowed funds, and carry over a small balance to the next year. Since that date, a considerable legacy has been coming into its treasury, which has eased

its straits and enabled it to maintain its extensive work; but otherwise its resources have not increased.

A more particular view of the present aspects of this cause convinces us that the time has certainly come when there should be a decided enlargement of the work of Bible distribution; and that the watchword concerning it now should be expansion.

The magnificent opportunity which God in His providence has thrust into our hands, and through which He is calling us with trumpet tones to give His saving Word to the nations, can hardly be appreciated without a careful consideration of the present situation with regard to this work. There is an array of striking facts centering in and constituting this opportunity, which at the risk of repeating some things which have been said before, we would lay in their order before the Synod that it may rightly estimate the call upon us to send out the Scriptures.

- 1. There is the cheapness with which the Bible can now be manufactured. With all the improvements in the art of book-making, it costs only a few cents to make a Bible—thus removing a difficulty which in the early days of the Christian Church made this work well night impossible, and even up to the last century presented a most serious obstacle, now making it practicable easily to supply the world.
- 2. There are the many versions of the Scriptures, over 400 in number, which we have at hand, all ready for use, embracing all the leading languages of earth and enabling us to reach at once with the Divine Message in their own tongues, about three-fourths of the population of the globe.
- 3. There is the open door set before us—outward barriers everywhere are removed, and nearly every nation is inviting us to come in with the Scriptures.
- 4. There is the wonderful readiness of the people all over the world to receive the blessed Book. They are standing with outstretched hands, asking us for this precious treasure committed to us for them, eager to procure it and ready to pay, often out of their deep poverty, the price required.
- 5. There is the manifest blessing of God upon His Word sent out in fulfillment of his ancient promise; the accom-

plishments of His printed Word in the hands of the people,

as reported to us, are abundant and wonderful.

6. And when in addition to all these significant facts there is the further most important one that we have an agency in the American Bible Society, raised up in Divine Providence, to do this work for us—an agency all ready, equipped and competent and zealous to do it—the opportunity is complete, the call is clear, the duty is plain and imperative. Then would we not be negligent of our sacred obligagations and recreant to our high commission should we fail to go forward?

Besides this array of facts constituting a Macedonian cry, there are conditions at present existing which accentuate the call and make it imperative that the work be immediately

expanded.

The assaults upon Divine authority of the Bible, so common in our land, can best be met among the common people by the fuller circulation of the inspired Book. The unprecedented influx of immigrants into our country calls especially for their supply with the Scriptures, the charter of our civil and religious institutions. And the marvelous development of the great West, furnishing our magnificent home mission field, requires of us the systematic circulation of the Bible in those regions. Thus it is plain that the American Bible Society should be enabled to resume the work of colportage in the home field, from which it has been debarred for many years by the lack of funds.

And when we turn our eyes to the foreign field, the very progress of our missions, in which we all rejoice and for which we heartily thank God, is a distinct call for the expansion of the Bible work. The missionary cannot go forward without the Scriptures in the hands of the people. And so the Bible Society colporteur is his pioneer, his indispensable aid, and his sure support.

It was with such facts as these before us that our last Assembly determined to take a decided step in advance with regard to this very important and essential work. Encouraged by the reports of our churches which indicated an increase of about 50 per cent. in their contributions for the Bible Cause last year, the Assembly asked the churches to

double their gifts and contribute \$15,000 this year, which amount it authorized its Permanent Committee to apportion among the Presbyteries. And it further recommended the observance of a Bible Day in all the Sabbath schools, that our young people may be instructed and stimulated concerning the value and use of the Bible and their duty and privilege to give it to those who have it not. These plans of the Assembly are being carried out by its committee in the hope of a large development of interest and gifts as to the cause.

In this connection it is very gratifying to note the large advance in contributions reported by the Presbyteries of our own Synod last year. According to their statistical tables, as compared with the year previous,

Of Bethel, 44 churches gave \$400, as against 39 churches,

\$355.

Of Charleston, 10 churches gave \$173, as against 12 churches, \$74.

Of Enoree, 26 churches gave \$140, as against 18 churches, \$79.

Of Harmony, 23 churches gave \$137, as against 14 churches, \$92.

Of Pee Dee, 15 churches gave \$126, as against 14 churches, \$98.

Of South Carolina, 18 churches gave \$74, as against 16 churches, \$113.

Aggregating 136 churches, \$1,050, as against 113 churches, \$811.

These figures speak for themselves.

Our proportion of the \$15,000 this year would be about \$1,350. Can we not, in our great financial prosperity, easily raise that amount? It is an average of only 6 cents per member, which seems trifling in consideration of the splendid opportunity brought to our hand and the sublime privilege with which our Master honors us.

We therefore recommend—

1. That Synod exhort all our pastors and people to give due attention to the claims of this great and necessary work, and endeavor to raise their full share of the small amount asked for by the Assembly.

2. That Synod urge all our ministers to ventilate before their people the significant condition affecting this work, in order that they may see their privilege and their duty con-

cerning it.

3. That Synod heartily endorse the recommendation of the Assembly touching the observance of a Bible Day in our Sabbath schools; and advise their superintendents to carry out the plan, that our young people may be instructed as to the authority, value and use of the Bible, and their duty of sending it to the destitute.

In behalf of the committee,

THOS. H. LAW,

Chairman.

## VIII. Colored Evangelization.

The Permanent Committee on Colored Evangelization beg to present the following as their report:

In the missionary operations of our Church in behalf of the negroes there are solid grounds for hopefulness. This is

evidenced by such facts as these:

(1) The prosperous condition, in the main, of our institutions and Ferguson-Williams College. At Stillman, 41 students were enrolled during the year, of whom 15 were in the Theological department and 26 in the Λcademic. Of the Λcademic students, 10 were studying with a view to entering the ministry. The deportment of the students was exemplary throughout the year, and the progress in their studies reasonably satisfactory.

At Ferguson-Williams College there were 240 enrolled, of whom 110 were boarders. And there are six other schools conducted by pastors and evangelists in various places within the bounds of our Church, which have an ag-

gregate enrollment of more than 240.

(2) The existence of 28 Sabbath Schools, which had an enrollment of 1,965 colored children and youth who were

taught by 201 white teachers.

(3) Of all the fruits of our labors for this cause, that which rejoices the heart most is the marvelously successful, God-blessed work in Africa. As our Secretary remarks, "it is worthy of mention, though in the friendliest way, that

ours is the only American Church that has ventured to send the Gospel to Africa by the African himself. Our faith and efforts have been rewarded by many evidences of the Divine favor. Though the mission has been established only 12 years, yet we have these splendid results: 9 missionaries, 115 native helpers, 46 places of regular meeting and outstations, 4,908 communicants, theis being an average of 409 per year; added on confession of faith last year, 1,102; adherents, 9,900; Sabbath School scholars, 975; total number under instruction, 2,100. We are sure we will be safe in saying that no other mission work conducted by us shows anything like these results.

(4) For the past two years there has been a steady increase in the contributions to this cause. In 1904-5, the contributions were \$2,000 in excess of 1903-4, and in 1905-6 they were \$1,408 more than in 1904-5. Besides the regular contributions of 1905-6 two legacies were received amounting to \$4,000.

The above is the bright side, and it is encouraging. There is evidence of the blessing of God upon this work and of a consciousness among our people of the spiritual needs of the negroes, and our obligations to give them the Gospel.

But, as recognized by all, there is also a dark side which is discouraging. The conditions which make what is called the race problem are less promising each year, and the general situation demands wise and judicious statesmanship, together with gracious forbearance with, and compassion for, a people who are truly as sheep having no shepherd. Our responsibility is great, and our words and actions should be wise, calm and merciful.

The General Assembly recommnds that we renew our efforts to bring the contributions of our churches for this cause up to the \$20,000 mark, and not be satisfied with less substantial and constant progress in this than in any other branch of our work.

It is with regret we are compelled to report again to the Synod the non-payment of their proportionate part of the debt assumed in the purchase of the Ferguson-Williams College by the following Presbyteries:

Charleston       \$ 33 00         Enoree       50 00         Harmony       28 00         Page Day       17 00
Pee Dee
Respectfully submitted, S. C. BYRD,

# IX. Report of Permanent Committee on Church and Christian Education.

There has been a general forward movement throughout the whole Church in the cause of Church and Christian Education during the past year. The action of the Assembly at Greenville is the most significant action that our Church has ever taken along this line. Without a dissenting voice they placed the cause of Church and Christian Education among the objects of systematic beneficence in our Church. Without a dissenting voice also, they created an Executive Committee on Schools and Colleges, and elected a Secretary. Thus they have placed this cause along side Home Missions. Foreign Missions, and the other great causes of the Church. This is a long step in advance. Nor is this forward movement confined to the action of the Assembly. As far as our observation goes, practically every Church school and college in the Assembly is going forward. More students are being enrolled, larger and better equipment is being added, endowments are being increased, new schools and colleges are being founded. All of this is a cause for thanksgiving.

Our own Synod has felt this new impulse. The schools and colleges in which the Presbyterians of our State are interested have more students enrolled this year than ever before. Besides substantial additions have been made to their material equipment. The Presbyterian College of South Carolina during the past year has raised in cash and subscriptions about \$30,000.00 for endowment, and about \$21,000.00 for buildings. A splendid administration building and a president's house have been erected. Davidson

during the past year has received about \$15,000.00 for a new dormitory and internal improvements, and about \$10,000.00 for the endowment of her library. Besides, they have a promise of \$20,000.00 from Mr. Carnegie for a library building as soon as \$20,000.00 has been raised for the endownent of the library. Chicora College for women has been purchased, and the Presbyterians of the State now have a Church college for their daughters, of which they may justly be proud. Steps have been taken for the founding of a splendid high school at Abbeville, and this will no doubt be accomplished before the next meeting of Synod. So it may be seen from this general survey that good progress has been made for Church and Christian Education in our Synod since our last meeting. Now in order that our Synod may conform to the action of the last Assembly, we make the following recommendations:

1. That the name of your committee be known hereafter as "The Synod's Executive Committee on Schools and Colleges."

2. That the committee shall consist of seven members, who shall serve for the term of one year, the chairman to be elected by the Synod, and the other six members to consist of the chairmen of the Committees on Schools and Colleges in the respective Presbyteries.

3. That the Synodical collection for Schools and Colleges be taken in all our churches on the third Sunday in March, or the day nearest thereto that is most convenient, as directed by the Assembly.

4. That the Chairman of the Synod's Executive Committee on Schools and Colleges be also treasurer of this fund and that all money received in the March collection for this cause be sent to him.

5. That one half of all funds so received be credited to the account of the Synod for this cause, and that the distribution of this one-half be directed by the Synod.

6. That the other half be credited to the various Presbyteries whose churches contributed to the fund, each Presbytery being credited with one-half of the amount received for this cause from all the churches within her bounds.

7. That all the Presbyteries be left free to distribute the

funds so credited to the Presbyteries, to such institution or

institutions as they in their wisdom may choose.

8. That the Synod's Treasurer of this fund be directed to send one-half of the amount credited to Synod to the Treasurer of the Presbyterian College of South Carolina, one-fourth to the treasurer of Chicora College, and one-fourth to the treasurer of Davidson College, to be used for current expenses in such way as the Board of Trustees of these respective institutions may deem wise.

WALTER L. LINGLE, Chairman.

# X. Report of the Board of Directors of Columbia Theological Seminary to the Controlling Synods.

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of Columbia Theological Seminary was held in the Seminary chapel May 8-10, 1906.

Sixteen students were in attendance on the Seminary during the session of 1905-6, distributed as follows: Two in Senior Class, two in Middle Class, seven in Junior Class, and five special students.

The work of the students, as a whole, has been excellent in every respect. The faculty is the same as in the past, and their work has gone on most satisfactorily.

The finances of the institution are in a healthy condition, showing a balance on hand from the income, after all expenses are paid, of \$1,400.

The material property of the Seminary has been improved, and steps have been taken looking to the erection of professors' houses, a new chapel, and a fire-proof Library Building.

The proposition to accept a suburban site was declined, and the Seminary remains on its beautiful site in the city of Columbia.

The controlling Synods were overtured to change the constitution, so as to provide for the office of president.

The meeting of the board was full, every member of the board being present.

There was the most expressed determination to push for-

ward the improvement of the material plant of our historic school, and the greatest harmony prevailed, and the ends reached were with cordial unanimity and confidence for the future.

The terms of office of the following Directors expire with this meeting of Synod: J. G. Richards and W. G. Neville.

> WM. G. NEVILLE, Secretary of the Board.

## XI. Report on Thornwell Orphanage.

The Board of Visitors of the Thornwell Orphanage presents the following report to the Synod of South Carolina:

We desire at the outset of this report to call the attention of the Synod to the fact that the word visitor does not mean one sent to visit the institution, but is technically used to cover all that is meant by the word trustee.

The term of office of the Synodical Trustees is dependent upon the will of each Synod, but according to our constitution, the trustee (or visitor) holds office till another is appointed in his place. In other words, there is no limit to the term of office. For various reasons, changes in the constituency of the board should be made as seldom as possible.

The trustees are appointed as follows: 7 by the Synod of South Carolina, 5 by the Synod of Georgia and 3 by the Synod of Florida. Every other Synod is entitled to the appointment of two trustees. In case a Synod fails to make the appointment, the Board of Visitors at its annual meeting appoints some Presbyterian minister or elder from within the bounds of the Synod to fill the vacant place.

The members of the Board of Visitors from your Synod are Rev. Jas. H. Thornwell, D. D., Hon. A. T. Smythe, John McSween, Hon. M. F. Ansel, Amos B. Morse, Rev. S. M. Smith, D. D.

It is a pleasure to report to the Synod that the work of the Thornwell Orphanage for the past year has been very satisfactorily conducted.

During the year there were 263 pupils in attendance in our school. We admit no child whose father is living and none who are diseased beyond our power to be of assistance to them, nor any under school age. In attention to the duties (manual, intellectual and spiritual) the conduct of the pupils has been exemplary. There were six full graduates at our last commencement exercises. During the year 23 others were honorably discharged. Their places were promptly filled. There were 51 additions to the Presbyterian Church from among the pupils of the institution during the year.

Our building operations have been brought to a happy culmination for the present, by the completion of the fol-

lowing work:

- 1. The Carolina Memorial Chapel was dedicated at our last commencement with an address by Dr. S. M. Smith. The building has a capacity of seating 800 comfortably; it can be used for Sunday School work and is arranged for that purpose and is also comfortably fitted for a smaller audience. It is used regularly for all public, religious and other exercises in the institution.
- 2. The Synod of Georgia has completed the Georgia cottage at a cost of \$7,000. It is a handsome brick structure, three stories, roof of tile and nicely furnished throughout. It will accommodate comfortably a family of 24 and is now occupied, having been dedicated to its good work on the first of October.
- 3. We have also secured a very fine water supply in the Katherine well on which the institution has depended throughout the year. Provision has been made by the Board of Trustees for sewerage and lighting and this will be attended to some time next summer.

During the year, the endowment fund has been increased by the founding of the Mrs. S. E. White scholarship, \$900; the Emma and Margaret Anderson Oeland scholarship, \$1,000; additional to the Christianburg Sunday School scholarship, \$673; the Florida half scholarship, \$500; the McWilliams half scholarship, \$500. We have also received three legacies of \$100 each, and the Mrs. S. P. Lees legacy of \$10,000, making a total of \$13,929. The total endowment is now \$83,000, averaging about 5 per cent, interest. The interest, so far as the will of the donor permits, is used for paying insurances, making improvements, salaries, etc. The support of the institution is provided by the generous

gifts of many friends, of churches, Sunday Schools and individuals. We received during the past year a total of \$22,909.25, which exactly covers our expenditure of the home for the year, for the innumerable wants and needs of the large number of children under the care of the home.

There has been no death and very little sickness during the year. The only break in our family life out of the regular routine of the home, has been the marriage of one of

the matrons and one of the teachers of the home.

The institution is in excellent condition at this present time, though living more on the hope of good things to come than on the blessings of a full treasury, but the churches will remember the orphans at Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year, as they have done in the years gone by.

Commending our brethren of the Synod to the grace of Almighty God, and thanking each one whose gifts have

come to the rescue of these little people,

I am, by order of the Board, W. P. JACOBS, President.

# XII. Annual Report of the Presbyterian College of South Carolina to the Synod of South Carolina.

Dear Brethren: In making our annual report to you, we are glad to be able to state that the year has been crowned

with encouraging success.

The attendance of students has been very gratifying. In 1903-4 we enrolled 58 students; in 1904-5, we enrolled 71 students; in 1905-6, we enrolled 110 students. We have enrolled during this session up to date as many as we enrolled all of last session. Not only has the attendance on the part of students been encouraging, but their conduct, with few exceptions, has been very gratifying.

We have made some changes in our faculty for the year 1906-7, which we think will add very much to the efficiency of our teaching force. Prof. M. G. Woodworth will take charge of the department of English and History. We are very fortunate in securing the services of this consecrated and able teacher. Mr. L. St. Clair Hays, one of our own graduates, has been elected assistant instructor in English

and Mathematics, and has entered upon his duties for the year.

We have bought during the last year about ten acres of land, six acres of which are adjacent to our college campus proper, and the remaining four acres are nearby. We hope to be able some time in the near future to erect on this tract of four acres a Fitting School, where boys can be prepared for college. The college campus of 30 acres is one of the most attractive in the State, and is capable of being brought up to a very high state of improvement.

Encouraging progress has been made in the development of our material plant. A large, attractive and substantial house has been built for the President of the College; and we are at this time erecting a splendid Administration Building, which will contain eight recitation rooms, a large auditorium, two society halls, offices, etc. This building would adorn any college campus in the country. We hope at an early date to have this building ready for occupancy.

Other improvements have been made in a material way on the college grounds, so that the campus begins to look

like a new place in its transformed state.

Considerable work has been done towards raising an endowment for the college. We have secured for this fund in cash and subscriptions in a little more than a year over \$31,000. We are making an effort to raise \$100,000 for this fund.

Over \$22,500 has been raised in cash and subscriptions for the Building Fund of the college. We hope to raise at least \$50,000 for this fund.

It is difficult to realize that all of this work has been done for our college, which has had so many obstacles to contend with in the past. The light is breaking upon us, and we believe there is a brighter day before us. We thank God and take courage.

We have been very fortunate in securing the services of Rev. J. A. Wilson and his brother, Rev. S. L. Wilson, to assist in raising funds for our Endowment and Building Fund. We heartily commend these brethren to your friendship and cooperation.

It is our purpose to make the college one of the very

best in the South, as to scholarship, as to moral and spiritual character, and as to material equipment.

Brethren, pray for us that God may abundantly bless us in our persons and in our labors for Him and His Church.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian College of South Carolina

ROBT. ADAMS,

WM. G. NEVILLE,
President of the College.

President of the Board.

## XIII. Memorials.

## REV. R. C. LIGON.

Richard Cater Ligon, son of Joseph and Eliza Cheves Ligon was born near Abbeville, S. C., in 1845. His parents were members of Lebanon church where he was brought up under the ministry of the Rev. J. F. Gibert. At the age of sixteen years he confessed Christ as his Savior, and was admitted to the privileges of a communing member of Lebanon church. He served his country two years as a soldier in the Confederate army. He was a student at Davidson College, completing his course at Erskine College, where he graduated with the degree of B. A. in the year 1872. the fall of that year he entered the Seminary at Columbia, graduating with the class 1875. In April, 1874, he was licensed by the Presbytery of South Carolina and ordained by the same Presbytery November 18, 1876. In the fall of that year he was installed pastor of Providence church, in Abbeville county, and later of Good Hope church in Anderson county, serving Providence church sixteen years. In 1891 he resigned his charge at Providence, and accepted a call to Roberts church in Anderson county. His pastorate at Roberts covered a period of ten years, and that at Good Hope twenty-five years. In 1901 he accepted a call to Smyrna and Morris churches in Newberry county. Here he continued to labor with characteristic fidelity until the spring of 1905, when, on account of failing health, he was compelled to retire from the active work of the mininstry.

In May, 1875, he married Miss Margaret Sumpter Wideman, of his native county, who, with seven sons and two daughters, await the summons to join him in the "many

mansions" of our Father's house. One son died in infancy. He is also survived by two brothers and two sisters. One of the brothers, the Rev. T. C. Ligon, continues to preach the "unsearchable riches of Christ" in the bounds of South Carolina Presbytery, "his bow abiding in strength."

Our departed brother was highly esteemed both as pastor and preacher, and his life of earnest piety has left a sweet fragrance wherever he labored, and to know him was to love him. He was clothed with humility, and constrained by love to his Master and his Church, was ever ready to serve in any way that would advance the Master's kingdom. He did his work well, and was noted for his regular attendance upon the Church courts. He was regarded as a safe counsellor in Presbytery, and always filled some chairmanship of a permanent committee.

About two years ago, the Master whom he loved, served, and trusted, called him from active service to a bed of sickness and suffering, where his strength gradually wasted away under the ravages of an incurable disease. Helpless, but not hopeless, he lingered on, illustrating the truth, "They also serve who only stand and wait," until the morning of the 26th of September, the day when his Presbytery met, when the Master called him to a higher, better, and nobler service, and passing peacefully away from his home at Iva, in the sixty-second year of his age, entered into the presence of the King where there is "fullness of joy," and rested at his "right hand where there are pleasures forever more," his eyes beholding "the king in his beauty." The funeral services were held in Good Hope church where he had labored for twenty-five years, in the presence of a large congregation of his former members and friends, all of whom could testify to his fidelity to the trust that was committed to his hands. The services were conducted by the Rev. W. S. Hamiter, pastor of the church, assisted by the Rev. H. C. Fennell, and the Rev. Mr. Echols, of the A. R. P. Church, and the Rev. Mr. Bailey, of the Methodist Church.

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.'"

### J. R. RILEY, D. D.

John Rutledge Riley, son of Andrew and Mary Tolbert Riley, was born in Abbeville County, S. C., on the 12th of April, 1829, and died at Brevard, N. C., October 9, 1905, in the 76th year of his age. His parents were natives of Newberry county, S. C., and were of Irish ancestry. They were married about the year 1827, and shortly after moved to Abbeville county where John Rutledge was the firstborn of ten children. We find the subject of this sketch teaching school in the neighborhood of his home when he was sixteen years old. He was a born teacher, and spent a large part of his useful life in teaching in connection with his chosen work of preaching the Gospel of Christ. About the year 1850 we find him a student in South Carolina College, where he graduated in 1854 with the degree of B. A. After leaving college he taught school two years in Laurens, where we are now assembled, and on the 17th day of September, 1856. made his confession of Christ as his Saviour, and united with the Laurens Presbyterian Church. After prayerful consideration, he was led to the conclusion that he was called to preach the "unsearchable riches of Christ," and entering the Theological Seminary at Columbia, pursued his studies under the peerless Thornwell, graduating with the class of 1860, and was licensed to preach in April of that year by the Presbytery of South Carolina. He must have made a most favorable impression upon the church at Laurens as a man of ability and piety, as he was elected pastor of the church in September of the same year. Accepting the call, he was ordained and installed by the Presbytery of South Carolina, November 22, 1860. Here he continued to labor with marked fidelity for seventeen years. In connection with his pastoral work he was a professor in the Laurens Female College, and for some years President of the college. In the year 1877 he resigned his pastoral charge, and accepted a call as professor and chairman of the faculty in Adger College, Walhalla, S. C. Here he remained until the disorganization of the college in the year 1883 when he accepted calls to the churches of Pickens, Carmel, Central, and Mt. Pleasant. He remained in this field until the year 1900, seventeen years, serving Easley and Liberty part of the time,

when on account of the increasing infirmities of old age he retired from the active work of the ministry. During his residence at Walhalla he served the churches of Bethel and Retreat, and at some time the churches of Townville, Va-

rennes and Midway.

About the year 1860 he was happily married to Miss Anna Donnelly, daughter of the Rev. Samuel Donnelly. His faithful and devoted wife was taken from him about three years ago by the hand of death, leaving him with four children, one son and three daughters, who ministered to him in his declining years, and were with him when the angels came to take him home. One son, the Rev. Samuel Riley, died soon after beginning his work in the ministry.

Dr. Riley was a man of preeminent gifts and splendid endowment of mind and heart. The contrast between his physical and mental makeup was very striking. Physically he was of low stature, slow and sluggish in movement; but mentally he was quick and active. In recognition of his scholarly attainments the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him by Newberry College in the

vear 1882.

As a preacher he was always interesting and instructive. His sermons were prepared with great care, and were delivered with an unction that arrested and held the attention of his hearers.

As a presbyter he loved the courts of Zion, and found much delight in the fellowship of his brethren.

As a pastor he was sympathetic, and was ever a "son of consolation" to the suffering and sorrowing.

All the days of his laborious life were spent in the bounds of this Synod, and after forty-five years of service in the name of the Master, years of toil, privation and hardship endured for Christ's sake, he finished his work, and came to his "grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season."

#### REV. THOS. C. POTTER.

Rev. Thomas C. Potter was born in Rochester, N. Y., on April 15, 1836. He died at Greer, S. C., December 3, 1905. He was therefore nearly seventy years old when he entered

into his rest. He was converted at the early age of ten, and was for almost sixty years a disciple whom Jesus loved and one who loved Jesus. He was educated at the University of Boston, having graduated from that institution in 1861.

He began his ministry at the age of twenty-five and preached the gospel for a period of thirty-five years, both by precept and example. He served churches at Albany, N. Y., Bennington, Vt., Crescent City, Fla., and Greer and Fulton, S. C. His ministry was fruitful, and many are the stars in his crown. He was twice married. First to Miss Myra C. Hamblett, of West Swanzey, N. H. December 30, 1862. His second union was to Miss L. A. Churchill, of Lowell, Mass.

Three children survive him, two sons and a widowed daughter: Mr. W. P. Potter, of Providence, R. I., Mr. Homer Potter, of Louisville, Ky., and Mrs. B. P. Allen, of Greer, S. C.

His funeral was conducted from the Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church, of which he was once pastor, by Rev. Messrs. W. R. Potter and B. Palmer Reid, on Tuesday, December

5, 1905, and the interment was at Keene, N. H.

Rev. T. C. Potter was loved, and justly loved, as husband, father, citizen, friend, pastor—in all the relations of his life. He was a conscientious and faithful presbyter, and a preacher of superior ability and remarkable power. His presentations of truth and duty were always fresh and interesting, showing that he worked his heart and mind up to the very last of his physical strength. His life really grew in usefulness. One familiar with his last field before he entered it, and after his death, can distinctly trace the marks of his influence upon it. He did instruct his people, and more than this, he did inspire them with new ideals. The broad charity and sympathy to be seen in all his positions took firm hold upon the hearts of all around him. He was not permitted to serve his last field, Greer and Fulton, in Enoree Presbytery, S. C., many years, yet it was impressive to see how firm the attachment of all people to him continued to be after he could do no more for them in the pulpit and at the fireside.

His last days of feebleness and suffering were really days of usefulness and power, for he did teach those around him a great lesson of the Christian life—how to wait and how to suffer.

#### REV. W. W. MILLS, D. D.

(Adopted 1905.)

Rev. William Wilson Mills, the subject of this sketch, was born in Sumter county, S. C., December 21, 1837, and died at Camden, S. C., May 24, 1905. Dr. Mills came of Godly ancestors—his father, William E. Mills was for many years a useful and active elder in the Presbyterian Church, and his mother, Martha E. (Wilson) Mills was a sister of Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., and a descendant of Robt. Wilson, who was of that company of strong-hearted, Godly Presbyterians that first established the worship of God in the wilderness of lower South Carolina in the first half of the eighteenth century. Dr. Mills grew up to young manhood in the Mt. Zion community, and joined Mt. Zion Church in the summer of 1853 after a protracted meeting held by Dr. Daniel Baker. He was dismissed to Salem Black River Church in 1855. He attended the Mt. Zion High School at Winnsboro, S. C., in 1856-57 while J. W. Hudson was principal, and graduated from South Carolina College in 1860 with distinction. He was for many years secretary of the Board of Directors of the Columbia Theological Seminary, and stated clerk of Harmony Presbytery. In the year 1885, the year in which this Synod celebrated its centennial, he was unanimously chosen moderator. In the vear 1900 Davidson College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Dr. Mills intended to enter the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., in the fall of 1861, but instead entered the army of the Southern Confederacy in the summer of the same year—9th Reg. S. C., Vol. He served his country with faithfulness throughout the war and was twice wounded. In the spring of 1864 he joined the cavalry service—the Seventh South Carolina Regiment, commanded by Col. A. C. Haskell, Well's Company, Gen. Mart Gary's Brigade, was soon after wounded in the thigh, but not seriously. Dr. Mills was in the rear guard of Gen. Lee's army when Richmond was evacuated and left Richmond in the

last squad and after the bridge across the James River was set on fire. Near Amelia Court House he was shot through the body and seriously wounded. Though spared to give many years of service to the Master, he never completely recovered from the effects of that wound. Dr. Mills entered the Theological Seminary at Columbia in the fall of 1865 and before his wound had thoroughly healed. graduated from the Seminary in 1868, was licensed to preach the Gospel by Harmony Presbytery, April 11th, 1868, at Marion, and was ordained October 9th, 1868, by the same Presbytery at Camden, S. C. He took charge of Lebanon and Horeb churches during the summer of 1868, and was made pastor in the fall of 1868. Dr. Mills served these churches for about five years, then resigned the pastorate of Horeb and was made pastor of Salem (Little River) and served Lebanon and Salem until March of 1884. He was called to the pastorate of the Camden Presbyterian Church and began work there in March, 1884, where he continued as pastor until a few months before his death, when failing health made it necessary for him to give up the active work of the ministry.

On December 23rd, 1868, Dr. Mills, was married to Miss Sarah Edith Smith, of Rusticello, Pendleton District, S. C. She with four sons and one daughter survive him—Rev. W. H. Mills, North Augusta, S. C., L. J. Mills, Esq., of Camden, J. E. Mills, Associate Professor of Chemistry of the University of North Carolina, Prof. W. P. Mills, and Miss Mary Mills.

Just before his death Dr. Mills said: "Now while drawing near the close of my earthly ministry of more than thirty-five years it is with great satisfaction that I am able to look back and recount how wonderfully kind and helpful God has been to me through all these years. Well nigh the best of feeling and harmony have prevailed ever between myself and all the people whom I have served. There has never been the least bitterness, not even one hard word has ever been spoken against me so far as I know. To an amazing degree they have ever been kind and most respectful. To God be all the praise. I can only hope that in God's sight I have not labored in vain."

Dr. Mills was a brave soldier—he never feared the face of man—a patriotic citizen, a thorough gentleman, a true friend, a loving, devoted husband and father—best of all, a man of God, one who loved his Master and all for whom his Master died. There was nothing like strife or bitterness in his nature. As a preacher he was painstaking and thorough in preparation, and possessed of an earnestness that often rose to eloquence in delivery. As a pastor he excelled. His "taking away" reminds one of the death of Enoch. though he had given up the active work of the ministry a few months before his death, he continued as God gave him strength to visit the sick and afflicted of his community, and had just left the side of one of these when he was seen to fall to the ground. Friends reached him at once, but "he was not, for God took him." God's servant had gone to his reward. V. R. GASTON.

#### REV. ROBERT BRADLEY

Was born near Salem, Black River Church, in Sumter County, S. C., on the 20th of April, 1830. His father, William Wilson Bradley, a godly man, and his pious mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Bradley, brought him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and he gave his heart to his Saviour and became a communicant in the Church in 1852.

He went to Oglethorpe College, in Georgia, and graduated in 1856. He afterwards took a regular course in the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., and graduated there in 1859.

He was taken under the care of Harmony Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry October 7th, 1858, and was licensed to preach the gospel April 1st, 1859. He accepted calls from White Oak and Elon Churches, in Williamsburg County, S. C., and in December, 1859, he was ordaned and installed their pastor. In October, 1866, Presbytery dissolved his pastoral relation with Elon Church. He continued for two years longer to serve White Oak, and in October, 1868, this pastoral relation was also dissolved. He then moved to North Carolina, and in April, 1869, was dismissed to Concord Presbytery.

For a time he served Prospect and Black Creek Churches, in Roan County, and afterwards became pastor of Concord and Taylorsville Churches, in Iredell County, in Concord Presbytery.

In 1872 he returned to South Carolina, and took charge of Pine Tree and Turkey Creek Churches, in Harmony Presbytery, and in April of the following year was installed

their pastor.

In 1875 his pastoral relation with Turkey Creek was dissolved, and he was installed over Pisgah. In 1891 it was dissolved with Pine Tree. For some years after this he labored in Pisgah, Rocky Creek, Chesterfield C. H., and Jefferson Churches.

After giving these up, he served Central Church, in Willimsburg County, as stated supply, for several years, which was his last charge.

During his ministry of some forty years, he labored, as we have seen, in quite a number of different churches in North

and South Carolina.

On the 26th of April, 1859, Brother Bradley was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Elizabeth Tyson Bradley, who died July 27th, 1899. Nine children were the fruits of this marriage. Of these, three sons and three daughters are still living. Two of his sons are ministers of the gospel—the Rev. Robert Bradley, of Danville, Illinois, and Rev. James Bradley, pastor of Cross Hill, in this Synod.

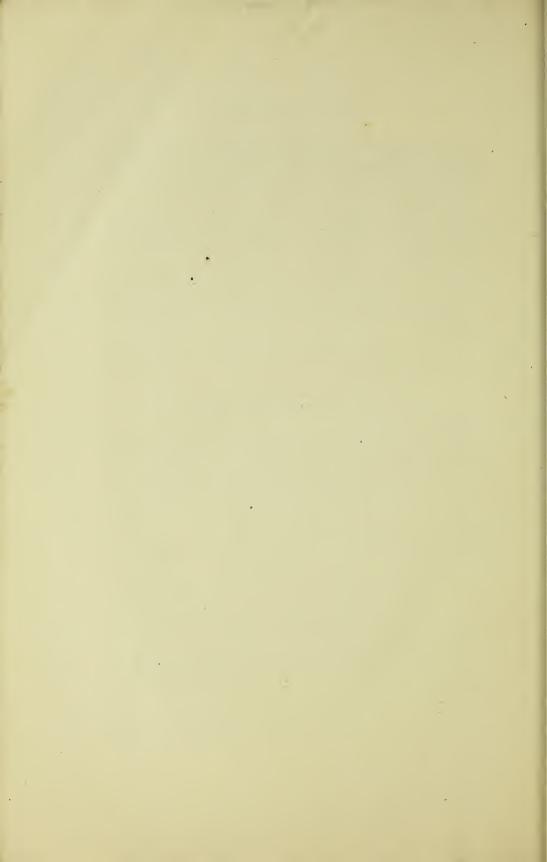
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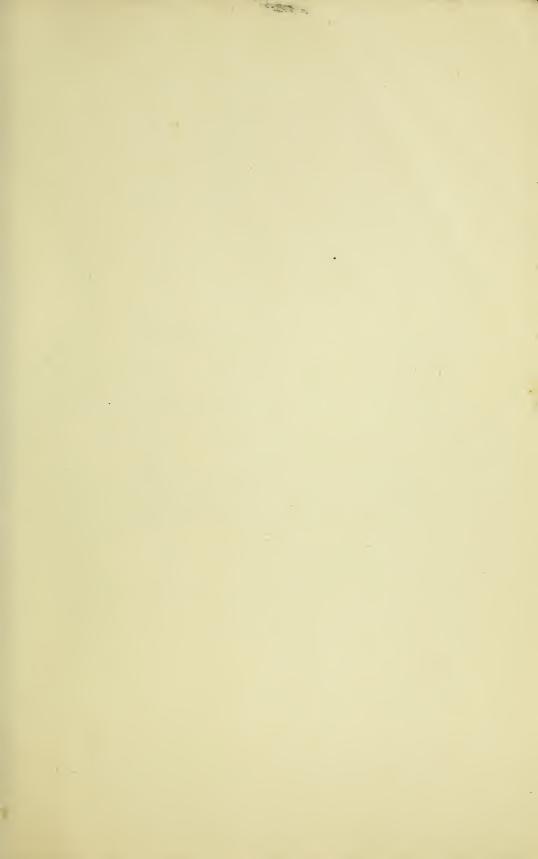
he spent the last few years of his life.

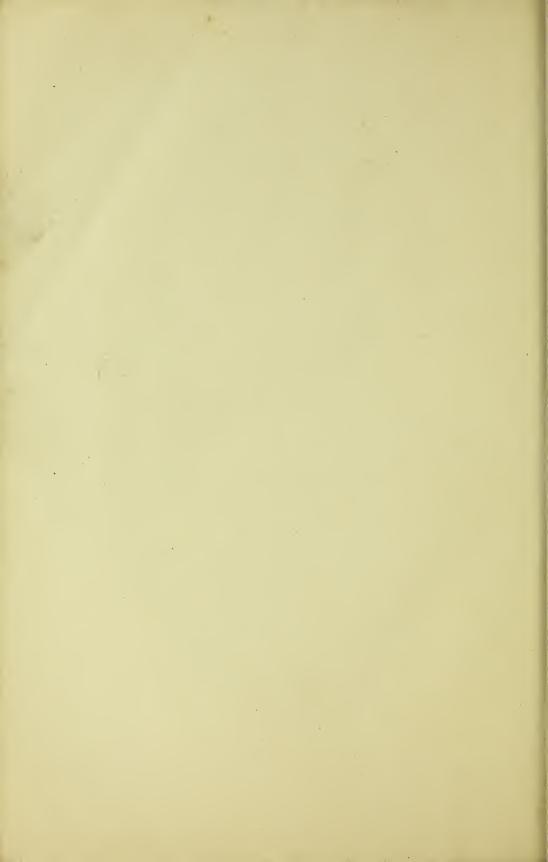
On the 28th of September, 1906, he peacefully fell asleep, aged 76 years, 5 months, and 6 days. His mortal remains were laid to rest on the following day in the cemetery at Midway Church, in Clarendon County, there to await the resurrection of the just.

"Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his."

JAMES McDOWELL.







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